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Michael is the Managing Partner of Derrevere Stevens Black & Cozad and chair of the firm's subrogation and real estate divisions. In 2005, Michael graduated from The Florida State University College of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and in 2008 obtained his Degree of Juris Doctorate from the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center. Michael joined the firm as an Associate in 2008 and was made Partner in 2013 just before his 30th birthday.

With the mindset that the practice of law mimics a marathon rather than sprinting, Michael's focus is the client, and he has expanded his practice to include complex civil litigation, insurance subrogation, construction defects, family law, products liability, commercial and residential landlord tenant disputes, corporate governance and compliance, commercial contracts and agreements, corporate and business transactions, and premises liability.

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University
(Juris Doctorate)

Florida State University
(Bachelor of Science in Accounting)

ADMISSIONS

Florida
Massachusetts
District of Columbia
Vermont
New Hampshire
Connecticut
Rhode Island
U.S. District Court (M.D. Fla)
U.S. District Court (S.D. Fla)
U.S. District Court (N.D. Fla)
U.S. District Court (Vermont)
U.S. District Court (Massachusetts)
U.S. District Court (Connecticut)
U.S. District Court (New Hampshire)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Insurance Subrogation
- Product Liability
- Complex Business Disputes
- Landlord Tenant Law

ASSOCIATIONS & HONORS

- Super Lawyer Rising Star 2012-2021
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals
- Palm Beach Bar Association
- American Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Battling Back Against the Implied Co-Insured Doctrine" – 2021 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conference
- "Florida Worker's Compensation Subrogation" – 2019 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conference
- "Ethical Management: Meet the New Rules, Same as the Old Rules" – 2018 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conference
- "Yes, but is it Classy (Ethical)?: A Year in Review of Effective/Ineffective Communications and How to Handle it with Class" – 2017 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conference
- "Waivers of Subrogation and Subrogation Prohibitions in Florida" – 2014 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Florida Chapter Meeting



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REPORTED CASES

- *Zurich American Insurance Company v. Puccini*, LLC, 271 So.3d 1079 (Fla. 3d DCA 2019)
- *14269 BT LLC v. Village of Wellington*, 240 So.3d 1 2018 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018)
- *Lapi West, LLC v. Village of Wellington*, 4D17-2377 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018)
- *Solonenko v. Georgia Notes 18, LLC*, 257 So.3d 460 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018)
- *Solonenko v. Georgia Notes 18, LLC*, 246 So.3d 1248 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018)
- *Solonenko v. Georgia Notes 18, LLC*, 182 So.3d 876 (Fla. 4th DCA 2016)
- *Gaspareto v. American Mortg. Inv.*, 195 So. 3d 375 (Fla. 1st DCA 2016)
- *Finer v. Naples Opportunity Fund, LLC*, 175 So.3d 293 (Fla. 2d. DCA 2015)
- *Castle Key Ins. Co. v. Raymond H. Duke Enterprises, Inc.*, 135 So.3d 578 (Fla. 1st DCA 2014)
- *Derrevere v. Derrevere*, 138 So.3d 1038 (Fla. 4th DCA 2014)