

## Michael Menapace Biography

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Michael is an insurance lawyer, counselor, law school professor and general litigator. He represents insurers in state and federal courts as well as in arbitrations across the country. Michael has litigated insurance disputes concerning business practices, bad faith, insurance coverage, reinsurance, premium calculations, and allocation among policies. As a general litigator, he has tried cases concerning utility and energy infrastructure construction, securities class actions, and merger and acquisition claims. Leading insurance industry trade groups have engaged Michael to represent them on matters of industry-wide importance before trial and appellate courts. He has tried numerous cases through final verdict.

Michael also advises insurers on policy construction, coverage, compliance and regulatory issues, and often represents stock, mutual, and captive insurers on their dealings with state regulators, including proceedings concerning rates, applications for acquisition of control, and market conduct exams. In addition, Michael advises companies on a variety of data security and privacy issues and defends companies facing potential data breach liability. He has advised clients in connection with internal investigations and responses to government inquiries and subpoenas, including federal and state inquiries into forced placed insurance, contingent commissions/broker compensation, and finite reinsurance transactions.

With regard to his class action experience, Michael has represented defendants in a wide range of suits. His experience includes defending actions alleging violations of insurance, unfair trade practices, securities, federal and state environmental laws, and the Alien Tort Act.

Michael lectures and publishes regularly on insurance and cybersecurity topics. He teaches insurance law at the Quinnipiac University School of Law, is co-editor of *The Handbook on Additional Insureds*, published by the American Bar Association (2012), and co-author of *The Reference Handbook on the CGL Policy – Coverage A Principal Exclusions*, 2nd ed., published by the ABA (2014).

Michael began his legal career in the insurance/reinsurance practice group of a major international law firm. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. He graduated with a B.M. from University of Hartford/The Hartt School of Music and received his J.D. from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

Michael is the President-elect of the Hartford County Bar Association, the oldest bar association in the country, and a long-time member of the HCBA Board of Directors. He is Co-Chair of The Hartt School's Board of Trustees. He was the recipient of the New Leaders of the Law Award from the Connecticut Law Tribune in 2005. Before practicing law, Michael was a college music professor and administrator with an active U.S. and international music performance schedule, including as saxophonist with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.