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Michael Hess is an experienced litigator who focuses his practice on complex commercial and business litigation matters. Michael combines his strong written and oral advocacy skills with an energetic, detail-oriented and creative approach to every case his clients entrust him with no matter the size of the dispute. He is committed to understanding his clients' individual needs and is valued by his clients for his accessibility, responsiveness and ability to generate creative solutions outside the realm of rudimentary litigation strategy.

Michael represents entities and individuals in matters involving business and commercial litigation, as plaintiff and defendant, in multiple state and federal courts. His experience not only includes trial, but also alternative dispute resolution, taking and defending depositions, and drafting and arguing numerous motions, including motions to dismiss, motions to compel, and motions for summary judgement.

Additionally, Michael has significant experience in representing professionals within the State of Texas to include accountants, financial advisors, insurance agents, real estate agents, real estate brokers, construction professionals, building inspectors, web designers, and professionals working within the tech industry. Michael has also represented clients in compliance and regulatory matters pertaining to ERISA, HIPAA, and COBRA.

Prior to his legal career, Michael served in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer, Ranger and Senior Rated Parachutist, and was the recipient of three Bronze Star Medals, with one Bronze Star Medal for Valor.

Affiliations

- Texas Bar Association, Member
- Dallas Bar Association, Member
- Texas Tech University Alumni Association, Member

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Commercial Disputes
Insurance Litigation
Professional Liability
PFAS Litigation and Regulatory Counseling
Staffing Law

Education

J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 2016
B.A., Texas Tech University, 2005

Admissions

Bars

Texas

Courts

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

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- United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in Texas for Commercial Litigation as “One to Watch”