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Practice Areas

Appellate & Writ Practice | Complex Business Litigation | Construction Litigation | Employment Litigation | Intellectual Property Litigation | Real Property & Land Use Litigation

Michael Laino is a “fighter” who applies a vigorous and dynamic style of advocacy to complex disputes throughout the Sacramento and Northern California area, at trial and appellate levels, in both state and federal court.

Michael uses sharp analytical skills to represent clients in a wide array of legal issues, including partnership disputes, construction defect litigation, wild fire matters, intellectual property, employment, trusts/probate contests, and finance. With a focus on common-sense solutions, Michael’s pragmatic approach to litigation allows him to provide the most advantageous strategies to fit his clients’ specific needs. Clients turn to Michael for practical advice and cost-effective solutions.

Experience

- Represented a California based company against a competitor regarding product disparagement and trade libel.
- Represented a private academic institution in a major construction defect claim.
- Helped litigate a shareholder dispute involving a California corporation.
- Worked in defending private and public clients against overwhelming wild fire liability.

Professional & Community Service

- Sacramento County Bar Association, 2019
- Sacramento Metro EDGE, Former Member
- Sacramento County Public Law Library, Lawyers in the Library, Volunteer
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Pro Se Help Day, Volunteer
- Kennedy Inn of Court, Student Member

Education

- J.D., with great distinction, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 2019
- B.A., Political Science, California State University, Chico, 2013

Honors & Rankings

- Externship, Honorable Consuelo Callahan, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2018
- Order of the Coif
- Deans Honors List 2015-2018
- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Moot Court Honors Board, 2017-2018
- Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society
- ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award
- Anthony M. Kennedy Fellowship recipient, full tuition scholarship
- Witkin Awards for Academic Excellence in Advanced Appellate Advocacy, Community Property, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law Defenses, Criminal Procedure, Cybersecurity Law & Policy, Juvenile Law, Professional Responsibility, and Legal Research/ Writing I & II
- Best Appellate Brief, New York National Moot Court Competition, 2018
- Best Appellate Brief, Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition, Las Vegas, 2018
- Best Appellate Brief, McGeorge School of Law, 2017
- Won the New York National Moot Court Competition Regional Round in 2017 and 2018