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EDUCATION

- New York University (J.D.)
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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance & Insurance Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

Michael Brown is an accomplished litigator, counselor and the head of the Firm's Insurance Practice. Mike's practice areas span the litigation, Alternate Dispute Resolution (Arbitration and Mediation), insurance coverage, advice and litigation, insurance defense and regulatory arenas. In addition, Mike is one of the founders of the Firm's Advertising, Marketing & Promotion Defense Practice. Mike has been recognized as a New York Metropolitan area "Super Lawyer," is published in "Who's Who in America" and was the only attorney, together with eight other professionals in various professions to receive the 2017-2018 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, republished in the July 24, 2018 "The Wall Street Journal." Mike was the originator and part drafter of the first commercial cyber liability policy developed with IBM and the Reliance Insurance Company.

Mike began his career at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and then became a senior trial attorney and Deputy Bureau Chief in the Office of the Special State Prosecutor for Corruption in the Criminal Justice System. A frequent lecturer for many organizations, Mike has spoken on a variety of topics including litigation management techniques, insurance coverage issues, the defense of a variety of professional liability and Directors & Officers claims, various evidentiary issues, the attorney-client privilege, the regulatory aspects of self-insurance and captive insurance programs, the federal Risk Retention Act, and the prospects for federal regulation of the insurance industry.

A partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., he is a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation Department, the Firm's Cybersecurity and Data Privacy practice group and its Alternative Dispute Resolution and Advertising, Marketing & Promotion Defense practice groups. As a long time insurance and commercial litigator, Mike has extensive experience in mediation and arbitration involving insurance coverage and other commercial disputes.

In 1983, Mike was a founding partner of Ohrenstein & Brown, LLP, whose insurance practice was rated “Tier 1” By “U.S. News & World Report,” and was the only Long Island Firm to be ranked as Tier 1 for the insurance area. He has frequently been called upon to litigate significant and unusual cases in many states throughout the country. Mike represented a large satellite operator in a “life insurance” claim when several satellites suffered “shortened lives” due to manufacturing and design defects. When an insurer and one of the nation’s largest banks had a dispute over the meaning of a unique insurance policy involving the country’s largest fleet of leased automobiles and involving hundreds of millions of dollars, Mike was asked to defend the insurer in North Carolina. Mike has also represented major hospitals in disputes with HMOs and is also an experienced commercial and employment practice litigator.

Mike also represents insurers, brokers, and insureds in developing structures for insurance programs and in dealing with the regulatory aspects of those programs. Mike represents clients with matters before the New York Department of Financial Services and has served as counsel to a number of national insurance programs.

Mike has served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Insurance Demutualization of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and has served on the boards of directors of several publicly owned companies.

Mike earned his Bachelor’s degree at Beloit College and his law degree at New York University School of Law.

Testimonials

“Mike Brown is a strategic resource. He is a true counselor as well as a litigator. If a matter shouldn’t be litigated, Mike will tell you that. But when you do need a litigator, Mike is a tough, knowledgeable and feared one.” Stephen B. Ungar, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

“Mike is a creative problem-solver, always looking for the optimal solution. He’s an honest evaluator of a case in terms of chances at settlement or chances at trial.” – Ivy Fischer, Esq., Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Counsel – HUB International Northeast

“They are not only great lawyers, but they are very creative when they have to be to solve problems.” Don DeCarlo, Director, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.; Former Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Travelers Group

Mike is a very well-prepared, insightful, determined litigator. He is always available and gives you a lot of insight. He listens carefully to what the client wants and proceeds from there.” Terence Kelleher, President and CEO, Combined Coordinating Counsel

“I have found the attorneys to be extremely knowledgeable and resourceful in addressing complex regulatory and compliance issues.” John Hill, President and Chief Operating Officer, Magna Carta Companies

Publications

- Thirty-One Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2023 (Press Release)
- Thirty-One Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2022 (Press Releases)
- Twenty-Five Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2021 (Press Releases)
- Seventeen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2020 (Press Releases)
- Insurance Coverage and Coverage for COVID-19 (Alerts, Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Insurance & Insurance Litigation)
- In Uniondale, A Law Firm Adds Practice Group (Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Press Releases)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C. Establishes Insurance & Insurance Litigation Practice Group, With Michael D. Brown to Chair (Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Press Releases)

