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Michael Murphy is the Global Chair of DLA Piper's 300 plus lawyer Insurance & Reinsurance Sector Practice. He represents financial services industry and other clients globally in a wide range of transactions and business litigation with particular emphasis on reinsurance and insurance-related litigation and arbitration.

Michael serves as international counsel for insurers and reinsurers in transactions and disputes throughout North America, South America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, Asia, Bermuda and elsewhere around the world.

Michael has been lead counsel in hundreds of high-stakes and precedent-setting insurance cases and reinsurance arbitrations, including cases involving securities, asbestos, environmental, pharmaceutical, technology, product liability, employment, breast implant, construction defect, professional liability, directors and officer liability, advertising liability, entertainment, and toxic and mass tort claims. He also has extensive first-party reinsurance arbitration experience and has represented reinsurers and retrocessionaires in disputes in the United Kingdom, the United States, France, Brazil, Australia and in the Netherlands.

Michael also has extensive experience representing insurance and reinsurance industry clients in high value claims relating to the energy and construction sectors, including on and off shore energy matters on all continents. In addition, he has experience representing industry clients in class action litigation; proceedings against agents, brokers and intermediaries; market conduct proceedings; commercial disputes; and complex one-of-a-kind litigations and transactions.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- New York

Prior Experience

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

RELATED SECTORS

- Insurance

Before joining DLA Piper, Michael was a national law firm's seniormost partner, Chair of the firm's Insurance and Reinsurance practice and co-chair of its International Practice and Global Strategies group. He was responsible for the development of the firm's global platform and for its non-US operations. Michael was also a member of the firm's Policy Committee, its governing body.

Michael is also a venture capitalist and is a founding shareholder of Shadow Rock, a firm that invests in various sectors including the pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, technology, real estate and entertainment sectors.

Recognitions

Chambers & Partners has repeatedly included Michael in its US guide of the industry's best lawyers, *Chambers USA*. He has been hailed as "very impressive" with a "very rare ability to effectively communicate complicated facts and arguments." "Market sources praise his hands-on approach and strategic ability," and clients have reported that "[h]e's a smart lawyer, but also very commercial, and helps manage projects both from a legal and commercial side." In addition, clients said he "brings parties together, brings matters to a head and gets to the bottom line very quickly." *The Legal 500 United States* has also recommended Michael for his insurance work.

Intelligent Insurer has recognized Michael among the top eight re/insurance industry lawyers in the United States, based on an industry-wide survey of executives and general counsel. Based on that industry survey, Michael's team was named among the top three US litigation teams. In May 2011, Reactions ranked his team among the top two in the United States for insurance and reinsurance generally and for insurance litigation specifically. Euromoney consistently recognizes Michael in its Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers.

Education

- J.D., State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law
- B.A., Canisius College

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Western District of New York
- United States District Court for the Western District of Ohio

Memberships

Michael has served on the Insurance and Reinsurance Faculty of the Practising Law Institute, the American Insurance Association, HB Litigation, Mealey's Insurance and Reinsurance, The State University of New York Faculty of Law and Jurisprudence and other educational institutions. He is a member of ARIAS-US.