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Michael began his career as a law clerk at the law firm of Tishman & Katz in New York City. During his time there, he focused on representing clients in complex civil matters, including cases involving products liability, intellectual property, and business disputes. Michael continued his legal career as an associate at another prominent law firm, where he represented clients in a wide range of matters, including complex commercial disputes, intellectual property litigation, and antitrust matters. In addition to his legal practice, Michael is also an active member of the legal community, serving on various committees and organizations focused on advancing the practice of law.

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