

Michael Faley

PARTNER

For Michael Faley, a deep sense of purpose guides his love of the law—being able to help people solve their problems in a meaningful way that can greatly impact their lives. This attraction led him from a short-lived career as a CPA following college to the place he knew he belonged.

Michael's journey in the legal realm began at The John Marshall Law School, where he made the Dean's List en route to his J.D. degree. He distinguished himself in law school by becoming a member and an assistant editor of The John Marshall Law Review, earning the Louis Bario Academic Scholarship, and serving as a member of the Niagara Moot Court Team.

Following his graduation, Michael served as law clerk to the Honorable John J. Bowman in the Illinois Appellate Court. There, Michael gained a thorough indoctrination to the world of appellate law, assisting Judge Bowman in the preparation of opinions and researching numerous legal and equitable topics—temporary and permanent injunctive relief, malpractice actions, corporate and partnership disputes, insurance coverage and declaratory judgment actions.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Professional Liability

Commercial and Employment

Construction Contracts

Insurance/Reinsurance Coverage

Appellate Practice

Once in private practice, Michael's initiative and drive served him well in quickly establishing an important presence within the firm. Among his early contributions: advised insurers on their rights and responsibilities regarding multi-million dollar first party and third party insurance coverage claims; won a judgment in excess of \$1 million for a client in an insurance coverage dispute; prepared an amicus brief to the Illinois Supreme Court on behalf of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois; and prepared briefs to the Illinois Appellate Court, Illinois Supreme Court, and Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

A prolific writer and author, Michael has contributed to and published articles in such publications as the International Directory of Legal Qualifications, IDC Critical Paths, ALA Magazine, Illinois Legal Research, and the IADC Newsletter. Since 2005, he has worked closely with a Chicago legal aid clinic, serving as Board Treasurer of the Pro Bono Advocates.

Michael's practice with Schuyler, Roche & Crisham concentrates primarily in civil litigation: including professional liability, commercial and employment, insurance/reinsurance coverage, appellate practice and construction contracts.

EXPERIENCE

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.
Chicago, IL

Associate
2009 to Present

Crisham & Kubes, Ltd.
Chicago, IL

Associate
2004-2009

Illinois Appellate Court
Chicago, IL

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable John J. Bowman
2002-2004

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Judicial Extern to the Honorable James H. Alesia
2001

EDUCATION AND DISTINCTIONS

J.D., The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL 2002

Dean's List, Member and Assistant Editor of The John Marshall Law Review, Recipient of Louis Bario Academic Scholarship, Member of Niagara Moot Court Team

Certified Public Accountant, Illinois 1999

B.S. in Accounting, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 1998

PUBLICATIONS

"International Directory of Legal Qualifications", Contributor, 2009

"Closing the Door to Out of State Engineering Experts", *IDC Critical Paths*, 2006

"Waiving Goodbye to Legal Entanglements", *ALA Magazine*, Spring 2005

"Waiver of Subrogation: A Shield to Legal Entanglements", *IADC Newsletter*, February 2005

"Third-Party Discovery - A Downside of the Federal Arbitration Act", *IADC Newsletter*, April 2005

Illinois Legal Research, Contributor, 2003

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

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Illinois, 2002

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2004

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2010

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2010

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 2010

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 2011

Federal Trial Bar, 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Appellate Lawyers Association

CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

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Pro Bono Advocates, Legal Aid Clinic, Board Treasurer, 2005-Present