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Michael has extensive experience in all aspects of health law.

He has significant expertise in the representation of physicians, dentists, nurses and other health care practitioners in regulatory matters including complaints, discipline, quality assurance, fitness to practice and registration issues. He has also represented numerous physicians in hospital privilege disputes as well as in medical malpractice actions. He also advises corporations and institutions with respect to health law issues. Michael is the co-author of *The Law of Acute Care Medicine* published by Thomson Reuters which addresses the complexities that arise when medicine, law, and ethics intersect in the treatment and caring for acutely ill patients.

Michael is also an experienced medical malpractice litigator. Having defended physicians in medical malpractice cases for more than 10 years and having represented plaintiffs for 15 years, he is well placed to advocate on behalf of parties involved in malpractice disputes.

In addition to his health law practice, Michael also handles civil litigation matters including personal injury, high tech litigation, general commercial litigation, product liability, wrongful dismissal and human rights.

Michael has served as lead counsel in matters before all levels of court in Ontario, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, and various tribunals including the Discipline Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, College of Chiropractors, College of Audiologists and Speech Language Therapists, as well as the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board, Health Services Appeal and Review Board, Medical Advisory Committees and the Board of Governors of various hospitals. He has also represented numerous parties at Coroners Inquests.

Michael has chaired and spoken at numerous continuing education programs for lawyers as well as health care practitioners on issues relating to health law and medical malpractice.

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative and Regulatory

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Health

Education & Memberships

EDUCATION

Admitted to Ontario Bar, 1986

University of Ottawa, J.D., 1984

Queen's University B.A., 1981

MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Ontario

Ontario Bar Association Health Law Section

Canadian Bar Association

Toronto Lawyers Association

Medico-Legal Society of Toronto

Awards & Recognition

The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory
[Medical Negligence](#)

The Best Lawyers™ in Canada
[Health Care Law and Medical Negligence](#)

Silver Medalist, University of Ottawa, 1984

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Hospital Privileges and Credentialing

Medical Industry Complaint, Discipline, Fitness, Quality Assurance and Registration

Medical Industry Professional Liability Claims and Insurance

Medical Malpractice

Mental Health

Reproductive Technologies

Recent Insights

CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

41 Lawyers Profiled Across 24 Areas of Law in The Best Lawyers in Canada, 2024

Announcement, Recognition

2022 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Recognition

Giving Back to a Cause Close to Home

Community

HEALTH

New Guidelines For Maintaining Health Privacy In Virtual Care

Article

HEALTH

The Law of Acute Care Medicine

Publication

HEALTH

Can A Physician Refuse to Work During COVID-19?

COVID-19 Resource

HEALTH

Caution for Physicians During COVID-19

COVID-19 Resource

Managing a Healthcare Pandemic

Reducing and Managing the Legal Risks, Program Director, Osgoode Professional Development, January 19, 2021

Medico-Legal Issues in Providing Care During COVID-19, Speaker

The Medio-Legal Society of Toronto, August 11, 2020

The Osgoode Hall Law School Certificate in Clinical Risk

Negligence and Claims Management, Program Director and Lecturer, 2011-2022

Lexpert's 10th Annual Privacy and Data Protection Seminar, Speaker

Health Sector Privacy Issues Update, November 27, 2018

Legal Risk Management in Documentation and Charting for Nurses

Osgoode Professional Development Program, Lecturer, November 2016

Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar

January 21, 2013, University of Toronto, Lecturer

Causation: An Advanced Symposium

December 7, 2012, Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators, Lecturer

Assisted Reproduction Presentation

October 18, 2012, Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto, Lecturer

Nursing Malpractice Seminar

April 21, 2012, Legal Nurse Consultant Association of Canada, Lecturer

Surrogacy Presentation

March 14, 2012, 519 Community Centre, Lecturer

CME@SEA Cardio-Pulmonary Update 2012

February 4 to 16, 2012, Lecturer

Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar

January 16, 2012, University of Toronto, Lecturer

Presentation for LAWS Program for high school teachers

November 18, 2011, Flavelle House at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Lecturer

Assisted Human Reproduction Presentation

September 22, 2011, Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto, Lecturer

Presentation for LAWS students

August 2, 2011, Flavelle House at the University of Toronto, Lecturer

The Osgoode Hall Law School Certificate in

Clinical Risk Management for Nurses

June 15, 2011, Osgoode Professional Development
Conference Centre, Lecturer

Medical Malpractice Presentation

May 18, 2011, Central Technical School, Lecturer

Lecture on Health Law to medical students

March 7, 2011, University of Toronto, Lecturer

Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar

January 17, 2011, University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Medical Malpractice Presentation on Four
Leading Cases**

April 6, 2010, Osgoode Professional Development
Centre, Lecturer

Informed Consent Lecture and Seminar

March 31, 2010, University of Toronto, Lecturer

**Lecturer and Panel Member - The Osgoode
Hall Law School Certificate in Health Law**

March 26, 2010, Osgoode Professional Development
Conference Centre

Mock Coroner's Inquest, March 4, 2010

Medico-Legal Society of Toronto, Participant

**Mock Hearing for University of Toronto
HPARB Program**

January 5, 2010, Participant

**Professional & Community
Involvement**

**Past President, Temple Sinai Congregation
of Toronto (current)**

**President, Temple Sinai Congregation of
Toronto (2021 -2023)**

**Director and Chair of Fund Development,
Alzheimer's Society of Ontario (2016 -2023)**

**President, Medico-Legal Society of Toronto
(2010 - 2011)**

**Director, Alzheimer's Society of Toronto
(2006 -2015)**

**Past Chair, Ontario Bar Association Health
Law Section**