



## MICHAEL J. HIGER

### Partner

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Michael's focus in representing a client is to treat the client how he would want to be treated if he was the client. This simple but fundamental approach has molded Michael's distinguished four-decade career as an attorney.

An experienced litigator and trial lawyer, Michael is a Partner in Berger Singerman's dispute resolution team. Michael primarily focuses on handling insurance and a wide variety of complex commercial matters for his diverse range of clients, including lending institutions and real estate developers, as well as both high-profile clients with a national reach and small business owners who are integral members of the local community. He has successfully represented clients before state and federal trial and appellate courts, the Supreme Court of Florida, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

In addition to his work at Berger Singerman, Michael also currently serves as an arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association's National Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators where he routinely adjudicates complex commercial matters including insurance disputes. His service as an arbitrator has given him a unique experience and perspective in representing his many insurance clients who are subject to arbitrating their disputes.

Throughout his career, Michael has been an integral part of the Florida legal community. He previously served as President of The Florida Bar. Additionally, Michael is one of just four lawyers in the entire state who

Chambers USA recognizes for his insurance work on behalf of policyholders. Previously, Michael has also been recognized as an Outstanding Member by The Florida Bar, Business Law Section, and he also previously served as Chair of that Section. And, Michael previously was a member of Florida's Judicial Qualifications Commission which oversees the discipline of judges in Florida.



## Education

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J.D., *cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law  
B.A., University of Florida

## Bar Admissions

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Florida  
Washington, D.C.  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida  
U.S. Supreme Court

## Practice Teams

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Dispute Resolution

## Practice Areas

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Complex Commercial Litigation  
Director/Officer Litigation & Partnership Disputes  
Insurance