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Michael Nadler is of counsel in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. His practice focuses on representing both plaintiffs and defendants in all manner of civil litigation before trial and appellate courts, with a particular emphasis on complex commercial disputes and securities litigation.

Michael's recent representations include:

- Representing several institutional investors at trial concerning a billion-dollar financial restructuring transaction;
- Representing an entrepreneur in a multi-billion dollar dispute with a joint-venture partner;
- Defending an international mining company in securities litigation concerning a multi-billion dollar investment in Africa;
- Representing the purchaser in several related post-closing disputes relating to an M&A transaction, including federal court, state court, and arbitral proceedings;
- Representing the purchaser in M&A litigation relating to the seller's refusal to close on a transaction after entering a binding agreement to do so;
- Defending pharmaceutical companies in securities fraud class actions concerning allegedly undisclosed side-effects from blockbuster pain medications;
- Defending financial institutions in securities litigations brought by both individual investors and as investor class actions relating to various investment products;
- Defending a hedge fund in litigation relating to alleged failures to comply with disclosure requirements and attempted disgorgement of short-swing profits;
- Defending a technology company in a consumer class action relating to data privacy issues and in connection with regulatory inquiries;
- Defending an investment services firm in trade secrets litigation;
- Representing a real estate investment trust as plaintiff in litigation concerning a nationwide series of construction projects;
- Representing a leading consumer products brand in contract disputes with several distributors;
- Representing a private equity firm as both plaintiff and defendant in several disputes with former business partners and investors in matters pending before bankruptcy, trial and appellate courts;
- Defending a financial services company in connection with threatened consumer mass arbitrations; and
- Representing an industry group challenging state regulations.



Capabilities

Litigation
Appellate and Constitutional Law
Class Actions
Consumer Protection
Media, Entertainment, and Technology
Securities Litigation
Trials

Credentials

Education

New York University - 2011 Juris Doctor
Columbia University - 2007 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, Hon.
Robert A. Katzmann, 2017 - 2018
USDC, Southern District of New York, Hon.
Paul Crotty, 2012 - 2013

He has also maintained an active First Amendment practice, including his ongoing representation of New York's historic Forest Hills Stadium in connection with several challenges to its ability to continue hosting concerts and other public events, in connection with which Michael was chosen as a litigator of the week runner-up by Law.com for defeating a preliminary injunction seeking to shut the Stadium down in April 2024. In addition, Michael has represented journalists and authors in disputes relating to their reporting and publications. Earlier in his career, many of his *pro bono* efforts related to LGBTQ rights, including his representation of plaintiff Edie Windsor in the landmark Supreme Court case of *Windsor v. United States*, which held that a federal law refusing to recognize same-sex marriages was unconstitutional. Michael was also awarded Sanctuary for Family's Above and Beyond Award for "outstanding *pro bono* representation and advocacy" in connection with his successful efforts as first-chair trial counsel.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, he served as a clerk and counsel to Chief Judge Robert Katzmann of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and as a clerk to Judge Paul Crotty of the Southern District of New York. Michael earned his law degree *magna cum laude* from New York University in 2011, where he received the Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize for Outstanding Scholarship and Character. He received his bachelor's degree with honors from Columbia University in 2007. Michael is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the Second and Third Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the Southern and Northern Districts of New York.

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