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Biography

Michael Baumrind is a trial and appellate lawyer representing plaintiffs and defendants in complex, high-stakes disputes in courts and arbitrations across the country. His practice spans commercial litigation, including business torts, breach of contract, trade secrets, and consumer protection claims. He is particularly adept at helping corporate clients recover insurance proceeds for first- and third-party claims, focusing on disputes with insurers.

With extensive experience in the Northern District of Georgia, Michael serves as local counsel for clients nationwide. Additionally, he represents clients on appeal in state and federal courts.

Before joining the firm, he clerked for the Honorable Jill Pryor in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Honorable Amy Totenberg in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Prior to law school, Michael spent four years as a science teacher in an under-resourced school on the Navajo Nation, where he developed curriculum for students and schools across the reservation.

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended a national health care company in a multimillion-dollar putative class action, securing dismissal on a motion to dismiss at the trial court and successfully arguing for affirmance by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Represented an international security company in federal court, achieving a favorable settlement before discovery.
- Provided consultation to a national, multi-level marketing company regarding developments in the law relating to employees and independent contractors.
- Successfully defended a Fortune 500 company in an arbitration, securing dismissal on summary judgment without a hearing.
- Briefed and argued a pro bono First Amendment case in the Eleventh Circuit involving legal mail to incarcerated individuals, resulting in a published opinion (*Mitchell v. Peoples*, 10 F.4th 1226 (11th Cir. 2021)).

Professional Activities

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Ad Hoc Rules Committee, 2025
- Federal Bar Association, Atlanta Chapter, Officer and Board Member, 2022 - Present
- Anti-Defamation League Southeast Region, Board Member, 2014 - 2022
- Tapestri, Inc., Board Member, 2013 - 2016
- Atlanta Bar Association, Member

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, 2026 - 2027

Credentials

Education

- Georgia State University College of Law/Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, J.D./M.P.A., 2011, Summa Cum Laude
    - Maleski Merit Scholar
    - Associate Research Editor, Georgia State Law Review
    - Award of Excellence in Civil Procedure and Torts
    - Bleckley Inn of Court Pupil
- Western New Mexico University, M.A., 2004, with distinction
- Duke University, B.S., 2001, Distinction

Previous Experience

- Law Clerk, Judge Jill Pryor, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2015-2016
- Law Clerk, Judge Amy Totenberg, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 2012-2015

Admissions

- State Bar of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia