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Mike focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and government investigations and enforcement. He frequently writes and speaks on matters involving the False Claims Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and federal securities laws, and his work has appeared in or been cited by such publications as the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg BNA, and various law reviews.

Mike clerked for Judge José A. Cabranes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review. He holds a Top Secret / Sensitive Compartmentalized Information security clearance. He also previously served as an extern in the US Attorney's office for the District of Connecticut, and worked as a legal assistant at an international law firm.

Mike currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of D.C. Young Lawyers Section, and previously served on Arent Fox's Associates Committee.

Publications, Presentations, & Recognitions

- *Washington, DC Super Lawyers* (2019)
- Quoted by *Bloomberg Law* in "Damages Could Pile Up if High Court Affirms False Claims Ruling" (2019)
- Quoted by *Law360* in "DOJ's Slumping FCA Hauls Cloud Future Recovery Prospects" (2019)
- Eleventh Circuit Deals Blow to Defense Contractors in Key False Claims Act Statute-of-Limitations Tolling Case, Deepening Circuit Split, *Bloomberg BNA* (co-author) (2018)
- Is DOJ Changing Its Approach to Enforcement? What Regulated Entities Need to Know, Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report (co-author) (2018)

- Whistle While They Work: SEC Announces Largest-Ever Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Awards, *World Export Controls Review* (co-author) (2018)
- Another One Bites the Dust: Court Tosses Nearly \$350 Million False Claims Act Verdict Under Escobar, *Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report* (co-author) (2018)
 - How The Supreme Court's Hobbs Act Decision In *Ocasio v. United States* Could Expand The Bounds Of Conspiracy Law And Mean Trouble For Bribe-Taking Foreign Officials, *FCPA Professor Blog* (2017)
 - *Ocasio v. United States*: The Supreme Court's Sudden Expansion of Conspiracy Liability (And Why Bribe-Taking Foreign Officials Should Take Note), 74 *Wash. & Lee L. Rev. Online* 204 (2017)
 - Co-presenter, "The Anatomy of a False Claims Act Case," *Arent Fox Litigation Essentials Series* (2017)
 - The Challenges of Pursuing Foreign Bribe-Takers, *FCPA Professor Blog* (2014)
 - Catch Me If You Can: The Divergent and Inconstant Pleading Requirements Governing Qui Tam Complaints, co-written with D. Jacques Smith, *Bloomberg BNA* (2014)
 - From Siriwan to Gonzalez: Why the DOJ Altered the Way It Charges Allegedly Corrupt Foreign Officials, *FCPA Professor Blog* (2013)
 - How Should the District Court in Siriwan Interpret Thailand's Response to the US Government's Extradition Request, *FCPA Professor Blog* (2013)
 - *US v. Siriwan* Filing Sheds Light on Extradition Relations with Thailand in Pivotal Justice Department Case, *FCPA Professor Blog* (2012)
 - Prosecutors Stymied by Thai Attorney General's Office in Siriwan Case, *FCPA Professor Blog* (2012)
 - Torrents and Rule 20 Joinder: A Burgeoning Issue in the District Courts, *Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L. Blog* (2012)
 - The Agency Model's Denouement? The DOJ Probes Alleged Price Fixing by Apple and Book Publishers Over E-Book Prices, *Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L. Blog* (2012)
 - To Catch a Lawsuit: Constitutional Principles at Work in the Investigative-Journalism Genre, 15 *Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L.* 117 (2012)
 - Social Networks: The Next Frontier of Fourth Amendment Ambiguity, *Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L. Blog* (2011)

Awards & Recognitions

Mike's past awards and recognitions have included:

- Albert E. Arent Pro Bono Award
- Member of team awarded 2015 Detained Children's Champion Award by Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition
- *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law*, Executive Editor; also voted "Best Blogger" Award
- *Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review* (ELPAR), Articles Editor
- Chris Lantz Memorial Outstanding Service Award
- Dean's List; Dean's Scholar

Bar Admissions

New York

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Court Admissions

US District Court, District of Columbia

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, Eastern District of New York