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Michael is the Pittsburgh Office Managing Partner and Co-Chair of the firm's Affordable Housing Practice Group. He has more than two decades of experience in commercial real estate law and corporate finance, with a particular emphasis on affordable housing and mixed-finance development.

He has worked extensively with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Choice Neighborhoods, HOPE VI, Capital Fund Financing and RAD.

He has represented housing authorities across the country in the finance and development of affordable housing. He also frequently counsels housing authorities in the creation of affiliated entities.

Michael also has broad experience working with government agencies and housing programs. He served on the HOPE VI Work Group, which was created by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to advise on the development of Cost Control and Safe Harbor Standards. Michael also advised HUD on its Notice of Affiliates and Instrumentalities and negotiated HUD's Moving-to-Work Demonstration Program. Michael represented HUD in the Capital Fund Financing Program and has represented several housing authorities in audits conducted by HUD's Office of Inspector General.

Services

- Affordable Housing
- Real Estate
- Real Estate & Housing Finance

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox, Michael was an attorney in the Pittsburgh office of a multistate firm for nearly 20 years, where he chaired the Affordable Housing Group. He also served as the firm's Vice President of Special Projects and Vice President of Finance and Treasurer.

Michael also previously served as general counsel of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Michael frequently speaks at HUD-sponsored seminars on affordable housing concerns. He has been a featured speaker at annual conferences of the American Bar Association's Forum on Affordable Housing.

Michael has also given presentations on behalf of the Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (FAHRO), the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and the South East Regional Council (SERC NAHRO), on the topics of affordable housing and mixed-finance revitalization.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Arizona
- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D., 1986)
- Pennsylvania State University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1983)

Memberships

- American Bar Association's Pennsylvania Forum on Affordable Housing, Co-Chair
- American Bar Association, Business, Banking and Corporate Sections
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- National Organization of Housing & Redevelopment
- Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Organization
- Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, President
- Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Corporate Circles Board

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Real Estate Law in Pittsburgh, PA by *Best Lawyers* (2005-2026)
- Rated AV Martindale-Hubbell®