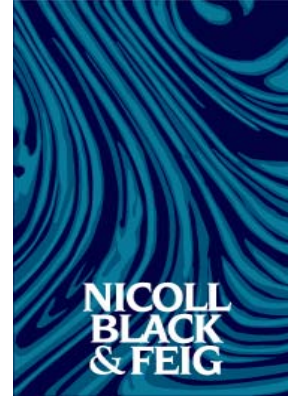


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Practice Areas

- Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Bad Faith
- Corporate & Commercial Law
- General Litigation
- Complex Litigation

Personal Narrative

Michael joined Nicoll Black & Feig in June 2008. Prior to joining Nicoll Black & Feig, he practiced for three years as an associate attorney for Lee Smart. During law school, Michael also obtained his Masters of International Business and took first place in three moot court competitions, including the ATLA Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition in Phoenix, Arizona. Prior to law school, Michael studied at the London School of Economics and worked as an Overseas Research Associate for the British House of Commons.

Michael focuses his practice on insurance matters and general civil litigation. His insurance experience includes advising clients on pre-litigation insurance coverage matters as well as declaratory actions. Michael's litigation experience emphasizes all aspects of civil defense litigation, including professional malpractice and premises liability.

Michael is a member of the Washington State Bar Association and serves as a member of its legislative committee.

Representative Matters

- Represented one of several excess insurers in declaratory action in U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Washington involving allegations of bad faith where total damages sought exceeded \$10 million.
- Represented excess insurer in multi-million dollar declaratory action in Yakima County Superior Court involving allegations of bad faith claims handling.
- Obtained defense verdict at trial in case involving allegations of emotional distress and conversion of personal property and the partial application of Indian law. The defense verdict was affirmed by Division I of the Court of Appeals.
- Obtained defense verdict in jury trial involving allegations of premises liability. After Michael's closing argument, the jury returned a defense verdict in 12 minutes.

- Obtained summary judgment dismissal in case involving allegations of premises liability arising from the use of shopping carts. The dismissal was affirmed by Division I of the Court of Appeals.

Education

University of Missouri, B.A. in Political Science cum laude, 1999

Seattle University Albers School of Business, Masters of International Business, 2003

Seattle University School of Law, J.D. cum laude 2003

Professional Experience

Associate, Lee Smart, 2005-2008

Associate, Nicoll Black & Feig, 2008 – present

Associations

Washington State Bar Association

Member, Legislative Committee, Washington State Bar Association

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association

Bar Memberships

Washington State

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit