

Michael J. Bell

Partner

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Biography

Michael Bell's comprehensive knowledge of policy, government relations, and the legislative process was honed during the time he spent serving on the Senate Judiciary Committee staff, working for Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and in the Office of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice. These roles provided the valuable insights that he applies to his practice, which is focused at the intersection of business and government.

Michael represents corporations and trade associations on policy matters before Congress and the executive branch agencies of the U.S. government. He develops and implements policy recommendations and political strategies to achieve client goals, and provides strategic counsel to entities navigating complex government processes and dealing with crisis management.

In addition, Michael advises on all aspects of political law compliance, including federal, state, and local election laws, lobbying disclosure regulations, and government ethics rules. He is experienced in developing compliance programs for large corporations, performing internal compliance audits, training corporate executives, and representing clients through complaints or compliance investigations.

At the Office of Legislative Affairs, Michael represented



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Practices

Aviation Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Transportation

Crisis Leadership Team

Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Energy and Natural Resources

the Department before Congress, formulating policy positions, and helping to craft the agency's legislative strategy. His tenure with the Senate Judiciary Committee and service in the office of Senator Orrin Hatch provided him with insights into all phases of the legislative process, including legislative drafting, committee hearings and markups, Senate floor strategy, and conference negotiations.

Michael also served as Deputy Associate Director of Presidential Personnel at the White House, where he recruited, interviewed, and evaluated candidates for senior-level government positions.

Awards and rankings

- Government: Government Relations, *Legal 500 US*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Braving a perfect storm: Avoiding legal and reputational risk associated with CARES Act oversight and investigations
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A (cloudy) CARES 2.0 "crystal ball"
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - CARES Act select transportation summary
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Podcast: Ivan's D.C. Update
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Primaries, polls, and results
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - U.S. companies and upcoming political party conventions

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Areas of focus

Aviation Legislation and Policy

Congressional Oversight and Investigations

Energy Legislation and Policy

Legislation

Political Law Compliance

Privacy and Cybersecurity Public Policy Counseling and Advocacy

Tax Legislation and Policy

Trade Legislation, Policy, and Negotiations

Automotive Regulatory

Rail

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2005

B.A., California State University, Fullerton, with highest honors, 1998

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

California (inactive)
