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Michael Wilson is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Chicago office.

Areas of Practice

Mike is an experienced dealmaker, having successfully guided clients to closing hundreds of transactions. Mike focuses on mergers and acquisitions, debt finance transactions, venture capital transactions and general corporate matters, and his experience ranges from traditional business transactions to highly complex, highly customized transactions, such as joint ventures, multi-phase restructurings, and company startup and growth transactions. He works with private equity funds and venture capital funds, startups and entrepreneurs, banks and non-bank lenders, and other public and private businesses. He has significant private equity experience, including with small business investment companies (SBICs), representing funds and limited partners in portfolio investments, limited partner investments, fund formation and SBIC licensing. Mike frequently works with companies in the technology and healthcare sectors, and has also worked with companies in a wide variety of other industries, including energy transition, food and beverage, consumer products, fintech, insurtech and cannabis.

Honors

- Notable Rising Stars in Law, *Crain's Chicago Business*, 2021

Media Mentions

Healthcare Attys Turn Attention To Material Adverse Change
Law360, 04.30.2024

Sheppard Mullin PE hire attracted to 'energetic culture of collaboration'
IFLR, 04.23.2024

Speaking Engagements

- "2024 Florida Venture Capital Conference," February 1, 2024
- "SBIA: 2023 National Summit for Middle Market Funds," October 15, 2023
- "2023 Smart Business Dealmakers Conference," October 5, 2023
- "43rd Annual Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate & Securities Law Institute," October 5, 2023

Memberships

Member, Illinois Bar Association

Member, Chicago Bar Association

Vice Chair, Executives' Club of Chicago Membership Council

Practices

Corporate

Emerging Company & Venture Capital

Healthcare

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Industries

Blockchain and Fintech

Cannabis

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Entertainment, Technology and Advertising

Food and Beverage

Healthcare

Life Sciences

Education

J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 2010, *magna cum laude*

B.S., Public Administration, University of Arizona, 2007, *summa cum laude*, honors

Admissions

Illinois