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PRACTICES

Workers' Compensation

Construction Litigation and Counsel

INDUSTRIES

Construction

Michael D. Schweitzer

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Michael Schweitzer has dedicated his career to the defense of workers' compensation claims. He leads Goldberg Segalla's Connecticut workers' compensation practice and brings to each matter extensive experience defending respondents before Connecticut's Workers' Compensation Commission; deposing claimants, witnesses, medical professionals, and other experts; and advising on all aspects of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Law. He represents self-insured employers, employers with large retentions and deductibles, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators.

Michael is also a proven trial lawyer who has obtained more than 10 first-chair jury and bench trial verdicts, successfully resolved high-exposure cases through alternative dispute resolution, and argued cases on appeal before the Connecticut Appellate Court. Michael has defended companies in multimillion-dollar actions stemming from motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, product liability, and other torts. This work has involved utilizing experts in accident reconstruction, vocational rehabilitation, economics, neuropsychology, and other fields to successfully defend complex and potentially high-value claims involving severe and catastrophic personal injuries.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Workers' Compensation

Michael is part of the GS Workers' Compensation team that has developed its own comprehensive way of handling workers' compensation claims designed to maximize quality of service and results. The team's practice model includes keeping each file with the same attorney through the entire litigation process; providing pre-hearing and post-hearing reports that apprise the claim professional of future risk/exposure, the defense strategy, and any recent developments in the claim; and aggressively exploring settlement possibilities through stipulation agreements. Michael is the author of Goldberg Segalla's Connecticut Workers' Compensation Manual for Employers and Carriers, and he is pleased to provide a copy upon request.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Workers' Compensation – Employers, 2027
- *Connecticut Law Tribune* Distinguished Leader Award, 2024
- Connecticut *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars — Workers' Compensation, 2015–20

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut, 2007
- Massachusetts, 2020
- U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut

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EDUCATION

- Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D., 2007
  - Mock Trial Honor Society: President
    - TYLA Regional Mock Trial Competition: Champion, Spring 2007; Semi-Finalist, Spring 2006
    - Mock Trial Honor Society Intramural Competition: Champion, Fall 2006
  - Phi Delta Phi Burns Inn
  - *Health Law Journal*: Associate Editor
  - Oberst Mock Trial Honor Society Advocate Award
  - Outstanding Performance in Oral Advocacy Award
  - Superior Classroom Performance Award
  - Service to the Law School Award
  - Service to the Community Award
- Northeastern University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2004
  - Dean's List, 2001–04
  - Financial Management National Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
  - Workers' Compensation Committee: 2017 to present
    - Membership: Vice Chair, 2018; Chair, 2019 to present
- The Risk Management Society (RIMS) Connecticut Valley Chapter
- Connecticut Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

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- Quoted in "Office Snapshot: A Look at Goldberg Segalla's Hartford Office," *Law360 Pulse*, May 6, 2021

PRESENTATIONS

- "Slip, Trip and Falls for General Liability and Property Adjusters," New England Claim Executives Association Luncheon Meeting, February 10, 2026
- "Connecticut Workers' Compensation 101," Client Presentation, January 20, 2026