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PRACTICES

Toxic Tort

Environmental Law

Product Liability

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

Constitutional Law and Civil Rights

Michael D. Silverman

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

An accomplished and results-driven litigator, Michael D. Silverman has a history of success managing multiparty mass tort and complex product liability disputes as well as counseling clients on a range of legal, regulatory, and commercial matters and their impact on the business environment. Michael defends *Fortune* 500 companies, including manufacturers and distributors of consumer and intermediary goods and equipment, creating and implementing litigation strategies to achieve his clients' overarching goals. Skilled at managing all aspects of litigation, he has extensive experience working as local and national counsel in asbestos litigation, and coordinating with clients and carriers to control costs and handle the full range of legal issues affecting clients in high-volume product liability litigation. In all his work, Michael incorporates strategies to further diversity, equity, and inclusion into legal services to provide clients with the best litigation team possible.

Michael founded the nonprofit civil rights organization Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund (now known as Advocates for Trans Equality) and was its executive director for more than a decade. He has litigated civil rights actions in state and federal courts, including before the United States Supreme Court. His experience also includes serving as special counsel for the New York City Commission on Human Rights as well as positions with New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and NARAL Pro-Choice America.

In addition to his role at Goldberg Segalla, Michael is Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law in New York City.

HONORS & AWARDS

- New York City Bar LGBTQ Rights Committee, *For tireless efforts on behalf of the LGBTQ community*
- Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund *Legacy Award*
- Georgetown Law Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of New York
- United States Supreme Court

EDUCATION

- The University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1994
- Vassar College, B.A., 1991

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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- "How NJ Talc Case May Shift NY Courts on Expert Testimony," Co-author, *Law360*, June 2, 2020

PRESENTATIONS

- "Bankruptcy Update," Perrin New York Asbestos Litigation Conference, December 4, 2025
- "Final Installment of the Multi-Year Diversity Initiative: LGBTQ+," DRI 2025 Asbestos Medicine Seminar, November 11, 2025
- "The New York Overview," Perrin New York Asbestos Litigation Conference, December 11, 2024
- "Water In Buildings: Mold and Bacteria, Proactive Strategies for Adjustment of Mold and Legionella Claims," (Co-presenter), Client Presentation, October 28, 2024