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Overview

Michael Wolgin defends insurance companies and financial services institutions in complex litigation matters in federal and state courts throughout the United States. His practice includes class action defense, consumer fraud, and commercial litigation. In addition, he represents and counsels insurance companies in regulatory matters, including multistate market conduct examinations.

Michael's extensive class action and complex litigation experience includes handling matters across multiple lines of insurance (for example, life insurance, reinsurance, supplemental health insurance, travel insurance, and windstorm property insurance). He also handles matters related to Lloyd's of London insurance placement and procedure, insurance brokerage, and medical provider reimbursement under Medicare and private health insurance. His focus includes litigating matters alleging breach of contract, fraud and misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, and bad faith. He routinely handles expert witness discovery and e-discovery planning and management.

In addition, Michael has a broad range of experience litigating matters involving insurer insolvency and liquidation, fraudulent transfers, trademark and copyright infringement, long-term care insurance, lender-placed insurance, computer fraud and abuse, and municipal liability and civil rights litigation.

His significant appellate experience includes representing clients in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Eleventh Circuits, in the Florida District Courts of Appeal, and in various other state appellate courts.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation
- Appellate & Trial Support
- Financial Services Regulatory
- Litigation and Trials
- Insurance
- Class Actions

Industries

- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Solutions
- Property & Casualty Insurance
- Insurance

Insights

09.28.2023

New California Lapse Statute Decision Highlights the Importance of Where Insurance Policies are “Issued or Delivered”

09.25.2023

Texas Supreme Court Remands Case in Light of Recent Ruling That Arbitrator Must Determine Arbitrability for AAA Arbitration Agreements

09.05.2023

Court Confirms Arbitration Award Against Non-Signatory Intervening Party in Arbitration

07.21.2023

Fifth Circuit Affirms Denial of Arbitration, Rejects Arbitration Provisions in “Battle of the Forms” Between Buyer and Seller in UCC Transaction

07.22.2022

Court Confirms Foreign Arbitration Award, Notwithstanding Pending Action in Foreign Court Seeking Award’s Annulment

05.11.2022

Life Insurance Lapse Notice Class Actions Fail to Take Root: California Court Denies Certification

04.01.2022

Second Circuit Affirms Order Confirming Arbitration Award Finding No Partiality Related to Arbitrator's (Attenuated) Personal and Business Relations

03.03.2022

Fifth Circuit Dismisses Appeal of Order Denying Motion to Reopen Case, Sever Cost-Splitting Provision, and Impose Costs of Arbitration on Appellee

01.14.2022

Ninth Circuit Affirms Denial of Motion to Compel Arbitration Against Non-Signatory Spouse of Contracting Party

01.11.2022

California Decisions Kick Off Parade of Life Insurance Lapse Notice Cases

10.01.2021

Court Permits Munich Re to Expand Its Counterclaims Against Cedent AMIC, Following Dismissal of AMIC's Bad Faith Claims

08.13.2021

Third Circuit Affirms Dismissal of Petition to Confirm "Sham" Arbitration Award

06.11.2021

Second Circuit Affirms Denial of Vacatur of Employment Arbitration Award Due to Failure to Provide Evidence of Alleged Perjury in Arbitration Proceedings

05.14.2021

Eleventh Circuit Revives Labor Union's Complaint to Compel Arbitration That District Court Had Found to Be Time-Barred

04.23.2021

Eleventh Circuit Holds That "Notice of a Motion to Vacate" Under FAA Cannot Be Accomplished by Email Absent Express Written Consent

04.02.2021

Sixth Circuit Reverses District Court for Exceeding Its Authority by Ruling on Arbitrability in the Presence of an Unchallenged Delegation Clause

03.09.2021

Fourth Circuit Affirms Denial of Vacatur of Arbitration Award, Finding No Deprivation of a Fair Hearing or Manifest Disregard of the Law

12.10.2020

Ninth Circuit: Website Visit Four Years After Assent To a Contract Containing a Change-of-Terms Provision Does Not Bind Parties To New Contract Terms Addressing Arbitration

10.29.2020

Ninth Circuit Affirms Denial of DIRECTV's Motion To Compel Arbitration, Creating Circuit Split on Procedure for Determining Scope of Arbitration Agreements

10.05.2020

Fifth Circuit Affirms Significant Arbitration Award of Attorney's Fees, Clarifying the Limited Scope of Review and Ruling That the Panel Did Not Exceed Its Authority

09.14.2020

Court Applies "Summary-Judgment-Like" Approach To Uncontested Motions To Compel Arbitration And Stay Litigation

09.03.2020

Third and Eleventh Circuits Show No "Lapse" in Judgment

08.05.2020

Second Circuit Affirms Denial of NFL Player's Petition to Vacate Arbitration Award, Rejecting Arguments of Harm Caused by Failure to Disclose CBA-Related Documents

07.15.2020

Ninth Circuit Remands Order Denying Motion to Compel Arbitration That Failed to Address the Effect of Delegation Clause in Parties' Arbitration Agreement

07.06.2020

From COVID-19 to Defense Strategies: The Latest Class Action Trends

06.24.2020

Eleventh Circuit Affirms Denial of Imax Corp.'s Petition to Vacate Arbitration Tribunal Rulings That Included Awards of Nearly \$1 Million in Arbitration Costs and Attorney's Fees

06.03.2020

Third Circuit Affirms Denial of Motion to Compel Car Rental Class Action to Arbitration Based on Insufficiently Incorporated Arbitration Provisions

05.12.2020

Court Compels FMLA Employment Dispute to Arbitration, Finding That Arbitration Agreement Delegated Arbitrability to Arbitrator and Agreement Appeared Not to Be Void or Unconscionable

04.21.2020

Alabama Supreme Court Reverses Order Compelling Arbitration Based on Failure to Authenticate Arbitration Agreement

04.13.2020

Did Your Text Message or Phone Call Campaign Use an Illegal "Autodialer"?

03.31.2020

Third Circuit Addresses Interplay Between LMRA and FAA and Affirms Arbitration Award in Favor of Union Under Collective Bargaining Agreement

03.10.2020

Court Upholds Arbitration Provision Despite Allegations of Fraud in Contract's Execution

02.19.2020

Court Compels Arbitration of Balance Billing Dispute Under a California Health Plan, Severs Certain Unconscionable Provisions, and Rejects Class Arbitration Proceedings

12.26.2019

Eleventh Circuit Clarifies Standard for New York Convention's Public Policy Defense to Foreign Arbitration Awards

12.17.2019

Eleventh Circuit Clarifies Standard for New York Convention's Public Policy Defense to Foreign Arbitration Awards

11.26.2019

Court Dismisses Reinsurance Litigation in Favor of Prior Pending Action

11.05.2019

Court Orders Stay of New Arbitration Over Disputed Reinsurance Billings and Compels Parties to Proceed Before a Predecessor Arbitration Panel

10.17.2019

Second Circuit Affirms Judgment Confirming Arbitration Award in Favor of Labor Union Involving Alleged Non-Signatory to Collective Bargaining Agreement

10.04.2019

Intentional Killing a Grave Mistake Under Slayer Statutes

09.27.2019

Employment Discrimination Claim Compelled to Arbitration Despite Arguments That "Clickwrap" Stock Incentive Agreement and Discovery Limitations Were Unconscionable

09.03.2019

After Reviewing the Arbitration Record, Court Enters Default Judgment Confirming Default Arbitration Award

08.12.2019

Applied Underwriters Overcomes Bid for Renewed Motion for Class Certification in Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Dispute

07.22.2019

Odyssey Reinsurance Obtains Summary Judgment in Fraudulent Transfer Case Against Owners of Agency Involved in Reinsurance Arrangement

07.11.2019

Life Insurer Defeats Bid to Apply Policy Lapse Statute Retroactively

07.03.2019

Ninth Circuit Affirms Order Denying Arbitration, Applying Precedent That State Law Does Not Overcome the New York Convention's Signatory Requirement to Compel Arbitration

06.13.2019

Court Finds Panel Did Not Manifestly Disregard Law When It Entered FINRA Award in Favor of Investment Firm and Advisors in Dispute over Fraud Committed by Late NFL Player's Agent

05.22.2019

Court Finds Arbitration Panel Did Not Exceed Powers or Manifestly Disregard the Law in Confirming Award in Dispute Over Leasing of Oil Lands

05.01.2019

Ninth Circuit Affirms Order Compelling Class Arbitration in Employment Dispute Involving Two Employment Agreements With Varying Arbitration Provisions

04.10.2019

California Appellate Court Holds U.S. Supreme Court's Epic Systems Ruling Does Not Authorize Waiver

08.02.2018

Rhode Island Amends Laws to Permit Voluntary Restructuring of Insurers Using Protected Cells with Commissioner Approval

07.31.2018

Court Orders Compliance with Arbitral Subpoenas, Deferring to the Panel's Assessment of the Value of the Requested Testimony

06.21.2018

Idaho, South Carolina, and Tennessee Update Credit for Reinsurance Laws

06.20.2018

Update On Amendments To State Captive Insurance Laws

01.24.2018

English High Court of Justice Orders Disclosure of Bank's Records Related to Misdirected Reinsurance Premiums

11.01.2017

National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorized Through December 8, 2017

07.20.2017

Eighth Circuit Affirms Order Compelling Arbitration, Rejecting Contract Defenses of Unconscionability and Lack of Consideration

07.18.2017

Texas and Wisconsin Join List of States Permitting Domestic Surplus Lines Insurance

06.29.2017

Montana Enacts Captive Insurance Law Impacting Reciprocal and Dormant Insurers

05.18.2017

Arbitrator's Pre-Iskanian Decision That Paga Claim Must Proceed on an Individual Basis Was Not a "Manifest Disregard of the Law"

05.16.2017

English High Court of Justice Analyzes Standards Governing Fraudulent Inducement Claims in Reinsurance Disputes

04.27.2017

Second Circuit Finds Arbitrator Did Not Commit a Manifest Disregard of the Law in Dispute Over Construction Work at the Whitestone Bridge

04.25.2017

Putative Class Action Involving a Patented Reinsurance Arrangement for Workers' Compensation Coverage Largely Survives Dismissal

04.06.2017

South Dakota Adopts Credit for Reinsurance Model Law

03.16.2017

Court Finds That Arbitration Award That Interpreted Contract "Termination" to Include Contract "Expiration" Was Not a "Manifest Disregard of the Law"

02.22.2017

Ninth Circuit Affirms Orders Denying Arbitration in Two Class Action Lawsuits Against Samsung

10.13.2016

Potential Secondary Effects of Regulatory Examinations: Evidentiary Issues and Preclusion in Parallel Litigation

07.08.2014

FINRA Continues Investor-Friendly Arbitration Reforms

05.01.2013

Mandatory Class Action Waivers Upheld

11.01.2012

Cedent Sues Over Absence of Required Security

11.01.2012

Lawyers Chastised for Ignoring Adverse Authority on Appeal

11.01.2012

English Court Says Expert May Testify Against Former Client

05.01.2012

Third Circuit Sinks (b)(2) Class for Lack of Standing

05.31.2010

Arbitration Roundup

News

06.08.2021

U.S. Class Action Spending Reaches New High of \$2.9B; Companies Report Spike in Volume and Complexity of Matters, Survey Says

06.08.2021

Carlton Fields' 2021 Class Action Survey Findings Featured in Media

07.07.2020

U.S. Corporate Class Action Defense Spend Exceeds Projections, Survey Says

04.16.2019

Carlton Fields Releases Annual Class Action Survey Results

06.12.2018

Carlton Fields' 2018 Class Action Survey Featured in Top Business and Legal Publications

06.12.2018

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02.20.2017

Carlton Fields Promotes Miami Attorney Michael N. Wolgin to Shareholder

Recognition

- William Reece Smith Jr. Pro Bono Award (2015)
- Recognized for excellent pro bono advocacy by Legal Services of Greater Miami (Fall 2011)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- "A Pandemic of Litigation - An Update of Class Action Litigation Affecting the Travel Insurance Industry," U.S. Travel Insurance Association Annual Conference (October 20, 2020)

Credentials

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2007)
 - Staff Editor & Associate Editor, *Inter-American Law Review*
- Yeshiva University (B.S., magna cum laude, 2004)

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Bar Admissions

- Florida