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Michael Burwick has nearly 30 years of experience as a tax, corporate and securities lawyer, focusing on tax deferral, mitigation and minimization.

Michael has developed and successfully implemented numerous tax strategies taken directly from heretofore sparsely used sections the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). In employing these strategies, Michael has helped businesses of all sizes, ranging from several million dollars to several hundred million dollars in annual revenue, as well as high-net-worth individuals, families and trusts, navigate the timing and payment of both capital gains and ordinary income taxes. He consistently saves his clients a great deal of money and helps them put capital that would have otherwise been paid in the form of taxes at the time of sale to work for them.

Michael serves clients across many different industry sectors. In the sports, media and entertainment area, he collaborates with professional sports agents and advisors in working with athletes on tax minimization and deferral, often with respect to their outside businesses and investments that were acquired from their career earnings and endorsement income.

With a plethora of clients from the agricultural sector, Michael focuses on harnessing the power of specific provisions in the IRC that provide tremendous, but rarely used, tax benefits. These agricultural subcategories include timber, livestock, fisheries, nurseries and many other businesses that fall within the broad IRC definition of agriculture.

A frequent author and speaker, Michael covers the topics of tax law, sports law and other legal and business issues. As the father of three children, one severely disabled, Michael is an active philanthropist and children's advocate. He serves on boards of directors and in other philanthropic capacities of organizations devoted to childhood welfare, combatting diseases afflicting children and other causes relating to children's health and well-being.

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BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Michael was a partner in the corporate practice of an Am Law 200 firm, working from both Miami and Washington, D.C. Before that, he served as general counsel to an SEC-registered investment advisory and fiduciary wealth

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Capital Markets

Corporate

Emerging Companies

Governance and Compliance

Government Relations and

Public Policy

Mergers and Acquisitions

Outside Corporate Counsel

Securities Regulation and

Litigation

Tax

Agribusiness and Food

Financial Services and Banking

Real Estate, Development,

Construction

Sports, Media and

Entertainment

Distressed Bank Response

Team

ADMISSIONS

Florida

District of Columbia

Massachusetts (Candidate for
Admission on Motion)

U.S. Tax Court

management firm.

Additionally, he has more than a decade of experience working in Big Law in the Boston and Washington, D.C., metro areas. Michael also has past experience as general counsel and chief compliance officer for a financial management firm.

His experience also extends to government, having served as legal counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives, and as Assistant Attorney General in Tallahassee, Florida.

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M., *with honors*, 2012)
 - Taxation
 - President of the Tax Council
 - The Tax Lawyer, American Bar Association (Advisor and Mentor)
- Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M., *with honors*, 2011)
 - Securities Law and Financial Regulation
 - Georgetown Securities and Financial Law Forum
- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., *cum laude*, 1995)
 - Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics (Editorial Board, 1993-1995)
 - Home Court (Executive Board, 1992-1995)
 - Dean's List Honors
- Boston University (B.A., *magna cum laude with distinction*, 1991)
 - Phi Beta Kappa Society
 - Golden Key International Honour Society
 - Dean's List Honors

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- National Basketball Players Association (Certified Player Agent)
- The Sports Lawyers Association
- Alternative & Direct Investment Securities Association
- National Society of Compliance Professionals
- Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association
- New England Business Brokers Association
- Georgetown Law Advisory Board
- Phi Beta Kappa Society

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Autism Speaks, New England (Board of Directors)
- The New England Center for Children (Donor, Fundraiser)

ACCOLADES

- Top 50 Attorneys of Miami, Attorney Intel (2022)

- America's Top Lawyers, American Law Society (2019-2020)
- Marquis Who's Who in American Law (2019-2020)
- The Top 100 List of American Attorneys, The Top 100 Magazine (2019-2020)

LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- Italian

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Winter 2022

When Does 180 Equal Zero?

Alternative Investments Quarterly, Volume 16, Issue 4

December 1, 2022

When Does 180 Equal Zero?

The Tax Stringer

November 29, 2021

The Structured Installment Sale as a Real Estate Tax Strategy

Bloomberg Tax

November 4, 2021

Capital Gains Tax Mitigation and the Structured Installment Sale

Bloomberg Tax

June 18, 2021

Professional Athletes, Collective Bargaining Agreements, and Injuries Suffered Away from Team Facilities

Sports Litigation Alert

January 27, 2021

The Evolving Landscape of Capital Gains Taxes under a Biden-Harris Administration

Bloomberg Law

January 22, 2014

Top 10 Traps for The Unwary Crowd-Funding Portal

Law360

Fall 1994

You Dirty Rat!! Model Rule 8.3 and Mandatory Reporting of Attorney Misconduct

The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics