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Practices

White Collar,
Investigations and
Compliance

Litigation

International

Industries

FOCUS: Insurance
and Risk
Management

Aviation

Hospitality

Private Client Services

Education

JD, New York Law
School, *magna cum
laude*

BA, Columbia
University, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals,
First Circuit

US Court of Appeals,
Second Circuit

US District Court,
Eastern District of
New York

Michael I. Verde is partner and head of the firm's Insurance and Risk Management practice and General Counsel to the firm. His practice encompasses counseling and litigation related to insurance, risk management and fraud, with particular experience in the financial and hotel industries. Michael has argued trial and appellate cases in both state and federal courts, as well as in arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He has significant experience handling international matters, having investigated and litigated matters arising in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and the Middle East, in addition to jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Michael represents both insurers and policyholders in large, complex coverage and defense litigations involving fidelity losses, professional liability, directors' and officers' liability, business and contingent business interruption claims, mass tort, catastrophic property loss, airline liability and technology claims. He has also litigated matters within the insurance industry, including regulatory enforcement actions, reinsurance claims, broker negligence and program manager disputes. He regularly reviews clients' insurance policies to ensure that their businesses are receiving appropriate coverage for the risks they are likely to face.

Michael also handles complex fraud claims for both domestic and foreign clients, initiating criminal prosecutions in addition to civil recoveries. Prior to becoming an attorney, Michael served as a sergeant in the New York City Police Department. After practicing as an attorney for a number of years, he took leave from the firm to head the New York office of a London private investigation company. Michael relies on this unique experience to lead investigations and provide advice for clients that have been victimized by fraud, especially frauds originating in foreign jurisdictions.

Michael has particular experience in the hotel industry and represents domestic and international hotel owners in disputes with management and franchise companies regarding management fraud, negligence and breach of contract pertaining to the construction and operation of hotels. He also has particular experience in the financial services industry, having worked with many banks, hedge funds, investment funds and brokerages in tailoring their insurance policies to the unique risks they face, litigating disputed claims, and investigating and litigating internal and external incidents of fraud.



US District Court,
Southern District of
New York

US District Court,
Eastern District of
Michigan

Articles

- Author | 13 Characteristics of a Great Chief Compliance Officer | *Corporate Compliance Insights* (August 1, 2010)

Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- Presenter | A Panel Discussion on Hospitality and Leisure Real Estate Opportunities for Family Offices | New York, New York (June 28, 2016)
- Presenter | Breakout: How to Deal With a Disaster Scenario | Serviced Apartment Summit Americas | New York, New York (April 13–14, 2016)
- Presenter | The Practical, Legal and Ethical Considerations of Internal Investigations | London, England (November 3, 2015)
- Panelist | Social Engineering Fraud: How Is the Crime Market Dealing With This New Phenomenon? | New York, New York (September 21, 2015)
- Panelist | Hotel Management Agreements | International Hospitality Industry Investment Conference | New York, New York (May 31–June 2, 2015)
- Presenter | Financial Services Litigation Symposium | New York, New York (October 16, 2014)
- Panelist | Hotel Management Agreements: Aligning Interests Post Recession | 36th Annual NYU International Hospitality Industry Investment Conference | New York, New York (June 1–3, 2014)
- Panelist | Hedge Funds Under Siege | New York, New York (June 12, 2013)
- Panelist | Cyber Intelligence for Law Enforcement and Corporate Security | 119th Annual Conference & Exposition | San Diego, California (September 30, 2012)
- Panelist | Taking the Lead on Ethics | 2011 NIRI Annual Conference | Orlando, Florida (June 12–15, 2011)
- Panelist | Reassessing Insurance Strategies in a New Era of Risk and Uncertainty | New York, New York (February 24, 2010)
- Speaker | Reassessing Insurance Strategies in a New Era of Risk & Uncertainty | New York, New York (November 10, 2009)