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Michael Zhang devotes his practice to representing a wide range of professionals in civil litigation matters and disciplinary proceedings. He also advises attorneys and law firms on legal ethics, professional responsibility, and risk management.

Prior to joining Hinshaw, Michael was senior litigation counsel for the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC) where he investigated and prosecuted allegations of attorney misconduct. He also was an inaugural member of ARDC's Equal Justice Rules Committee.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
 - Standing Committee on Professional Regulation
- Chicago Bar Association
 - Professional Responsibility Committee, Vice-Chair and Chair, 2018 – 2020

Honors & Awards

- Chicago-Kent College of Law
 - National Ethics Trial Competition, Best Advocate
 - Stetson Pretrial Competition, National Finalist
 - American Association For Justice (AAJ) Trial Competition, Regional Champion and National Semi-Finalist
 - Dean's List

Presentations

- Panelist, "Following Ethics Rules While on the Road," Chicago Bar Association, Virtual Event, March 20, 2024
- Co-Presenter, "Trust Accounting 101: How to Bill Properly, Collect Your Fees, and Stay Out of Trouble," One-and-Done: 6-Hour Professional Responsibility Overview, Chicago Bar Association, Virtual Event, June 8, 2022

Practices

Lawyers for the Profession®
Professional Liability

Industries

Insurance & Reinsurance

Education

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology, 2015

B.A., Political Science and Government, The University of Calgary, 2010

Admissions

Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Languages

Mandarin Chinese



- Panelist, "Objection! Improper Tweet: Admissibility of Social Media Evidence," National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), 2021 Annual Meeting, Virtual Event, August 2021
- Panelist, "Bit by Bit: A Guide to Adapting to Technology in the Remote Workplace," National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), 2020 Annual Meeting, Virtual Event, July 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Legal Ethics in the Age of COVID," Professional Responsibility Committee, Chicago Bar Association, Webinar, May 2020
- Panelist, "Red Light/Green Light: The How's, When's, and Why's of Utilizing Alternatives to Discipline," National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), 2020 Mid-Year Meeting, Austin, Texas, February 2020
- Panelist, "Social Media Evidence," Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2019
- Panelist, "Idk. Do We Speak the Same Language? An Exploration of Inter-generational Communication in the Legal Profession," National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), 2019 Mid-Year Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 2019
- Panelist, "Resourcing the Humans: The Fran Bassios Memorial Management Program," National Organization of Bar Counsels (NOBC), 2018 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 2018
- Co-Presenter, "Technology in the Workplace," Chicago Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Committee, Chicago, Illinois, May 2018
- Panelist, "The World is Round and Getting Rounder: Global Regulatory Implications," National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), 2018 Mid-Year Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, January 2018
- Panelist, "Life of the Litigator: Civility & Well-Being for the Zealous Advocate," Center for Professional Responsibility, American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, December 2017
- Co-Presenter, "Trust Accounting: What Every Lawyer Should Know," American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, December 2017

Publications

- Co-Author, "The Next Wave of Practicing Lawyers," *The Professional Lawyer*, Vol. 26, No. 2, December 2019
- "Dowling, Revisited," *Illinois Courts News*, November 29, 2017

Personal

Born in China, Michael is a first-generation Canadian immigrant who now proudly calls Chicago home. His favorite sports are basketball and boxing. In his spare time, Michael can be found on a remote hiking trail, spending time with his beloved corgi, Momo, and experimenting with all things coffee.