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“ Because I understand my clients’ businesses, industries and goals, they trust me to take care of their issues efficiently and effectively. As a trusted advisor, I will often handle matters in the boardroom. As a litigator, I will settle matters in the courtroom when necessary. The clients I represent work around the clock. Their businesses are on their minds all day, every day. I bring that same level of commitment and care to their businesses. I will do the same for yours. Your issues become my own, and I work zealously until they are resolved. ”

Practice Focus

- Real estate litigation
- Trade secret, non-compete and unfair competition
- Business litigation

Michael J. Matasich works with business owners and commercial real estate professionals to solve the problems that arise while running their businesses, from disputes with other businesses, other owners, or current or former employees. He has experience resolving matters relating to contracts, corporate governance, employment agreements, business torts and other types of business disputes. On the commercial real estate side, Michael handles disputes relating to leases and purchase agreements, boundary disputes, trespass, eminent domain, oil and gas, ODNR, EPA and other real estate matters.

Michael earned his J.D. in 2004 from the University of Akron, the same school where he earned his B.A. in 2000. He is listed in the 2019 edition of Best Lawyers in America and was selected for inclusion in Ohio Super Lawyers as a Rising Star from 2009-2015.

Admissions - Court

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Admissions - State

- Ohio

Education

- University of Akron School of Law

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Honors and Awards

- Named one of the *Best Lawyers in America* (2019-2020)
- Selected for inclusion in *Ohio Rising Stars* (2009-2015)

Professional Membership

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Medina County Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association

Public Service and Volunteerism

- Medina County Economic Development Corporation; Chair, Member Care Committee
- The Building Owners & Managers Association of Greater Akron; Chair, Membership Committee
- Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, Board of Trustees; Treasurer; Chair, Community Support and Services
- Kinnect, Board of Directors; Chair, Programs Committee; Past President
- County Advocates for Responsible Enterprise, Member

Past Affiliations

- Akron Bar Association, Lawyers-to-Law-Student Mentor Program, Member
- Akron CYO Development Committee, Member
- American Heart Association Heart Walk, Team Leader
- Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce Business Development Committee, Member
- Legal Aid Society, Brief Advice Clinic, Member
- Medina County Young Professionals Association, Member
- Phi Delta Phi, Member and Magister
- William K. Thomas Inn of Court, Member
- Medina Christian Academy Vision Committee, Member

News

- McDonald Hopkins welcomes renowned litigators David L Drechsler and Michael J Matasich
- McDonald Hopkins welcomes experienced litigator Michael J. Matasich

External Publications

- "Key strategies to avoid common partnership disputes," Crain's Cleveland Business, October 2017
- "Thinking about bringing on a partner? Hire an employee instead," Crain's Cleveland Business, April 2017
- "Designing Commercial Contracts with Care," Properties Magazine, February 2016
- "Nexus Gas Transmission- what's coming down the pipeline?" Crain's Cleveland Business, September 2015

