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### EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY  
BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI

J.D. 1974  
B.A., International Relations, 1969

### BAR MEMBERSHIPS

New York State, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Second and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeals; and *pro hac vice* throughout the United States

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Robert E. Michael & Associates PLLC, New York, NY**

1/97 – Present

*Managing Member.* Founded boutique law firm specializing in domestic and cross-border (a) financial, governance, trade and M&A transactions, (b) dispute resolutions and commercial litigation, (c) corporate restructurings, bankruptcies and debtor-creditor matters; and (d) Court-appointed elder care matters. Principal representations have included sole counsel for Goviva, a New York business acquired for over \$10 Million by CAA; extensive litigation on behalf of WNS, an Indian-based NYSE traded BPO, with \$16MM Claims and a \$4MM preference defense in the Chapter 11 case in Tucson, AZ of First Magnus Financial Corporation, formerly one of the largest private mortgage lenders in the U.S.; extensive and highly complex crossborder workout of \$300+MM mortgage financing and foreclosure and sale of Wells Fargo HQ in San Francisco for Nomura Financial. Japan's premier financial institution; acquisition of a US electric blanket manufacturer out of Chapter 11 by Microlife Corporation, a public Taiwanese electronics company; and prosecution of multimillion dollar claims of Asian textile manufacturers in Bradlees Stores, Inc., Caldor Corporation, and Bugle Boy, Inc. Chapter 11 cases.

**MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP, New York, NY**

7/93 – 12/96

*Partner.* Established East Coast workout and bankruptcy practice. Practice included the representation of multinational financial institutions, investment funds and creditors and development of aggressive bankruptcy remote vehicle for Japanese partnership lender as part of complex restructuring of \$300 million mortgage financing. Major bankruptcy cases with respect to which material services were performed included the Orange County Chapter 9 case and the Chapter 11 cases of Caldor Corporation, Western Union and Macy's.

**WINDELS, MARX, DAVIES & IVES, New York, NY**

9/90 – 6/93

*Of Counsel; Partner.* Formed and managed nine lawyer bankruptcy and workout group representing institutional lenders (primarily insurance companies, the FDIC and the RTC) in large real estate-related restructurings and Chapter 11 cases in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, including Colonial Realty.

**SHEARMAN & STERLING, New York, NY**

5/77 – 10/83

*Bankruptcy Associate,* New York Office (8/81 – 10/83). Major representations included Citibank. as a creditor and/or member of the Official Creditors' Committee of UNR Industries, Manville Corporation, Korvettes, Branch Motors, Wilson Freight, CEA, Commonwealth Refining Company and Beker Industries.

*Bank Finance Associate,* Paris Office (5/79 – 8/81)

- Specialized in aircraft, engine and project finance, sovereign debt financings and restructurings, and syndicated loan, letter of credit, banker's acceptance, exchange swap and *à forfait* financings.

*Bank Finance Associate,* New York Office (5/77 – 4/79)

- Specialized in public sector and project finance to Latin America and sovereign debt restructuring.

**Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, New York, NY**

9/74 – 4/77

*Corporate/Bankruptcy Associate.* Experience included general corporate and securities law matters primarily in the context of hostile tender offers and preparation of '33 Act and '34 Act SEC filings.

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**BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

**PARIBAS CORPORATION, New York, NY** 11/87 – 4/90  
*Director of Corporate Restructuring.* Developed investment banking group that provided restructuring and bankruptcy investment banking advisory services for clients.

**CARVEL CORPORATION, Yonkers, NY** 5/90 – 8-90  
*Business Consultant for Discontinued Assets.* In charge of overseeing Carvel Inn and disposing of the remaining Nedick's assets.

**MANUFACTURERS HANOVER CORPORATION, New York, NY** 11/83 – 10/87  
*Vice President, Head of Special Loan Group, MANUFACTURERS HANOVER LEASING CORPORATION*  
*Vice President & Senior Counsel, MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST COMPANY*  
In charge of legal and business unit managing over \$500 Million in troubled secured loans

**GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

**STATE DEPARTMENT PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW ADVISORY GROUP** 9/05 – 8/07  
**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES, Brussels, Belgium** 3/71 – 5/72  
Acting Vice Consul for Citizenship & Passport Matters on detached service seconded from US Army.

**UNITED STATES ARMY** 6/70 – 2/71

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** 5/17 – PRESENT  
*Adjunct Professor of Law, teach 3-credit course on International Finance for J.D. and L.L.M. Students*

**PACE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL** 1/11 – PRESENT  
*Adjunct Professor of Law, taught 3-credit course on Law and Finance for International L.L.M. Students*

**USMA AT WEST POINT, RUTGERS AND SETON HALL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOLS** 03/09 – 06/14  
*Guest Lecturer on International Business Transactions and Islamic Finance*

**PROFESSIONAL PRO BONO ACTIVITIES**

**NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION:**

**COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE EASTERN & NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS**  
*Chair* 6/2014 – 8/2017

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN & COMPARATIVE LAW** 9/2004 – 8/2011  
*Chair* 9/2005 – 8/2008

**COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS** 9/2005 - PRESENT  
*Chair, Program Subcommittee* 8/2013 – 8/2014

**NGO DELEGATION TO UN COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (UNCITRAL)**  
Working Sessions drafting a Legislative Guide on Secured Lending 9/2005 – 4/2012

**AMERICAN BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION (ABILA)**  
*Chair — ISLAMIC LAW COMMITTEE* 3/2011 – 9/2015

**AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION** 2010 – PRESENT  
*Fellow -- Honorary organization limited to 0.3% of lawyers in each State*

**ARAB BANKERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (ABANA)** 2/2013 – 2/2015

**LANGUAGES**

French

**SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS**

SEE ATTACHED PARTIAL LIST

ROBERT ELI MICHAEL

- "ISIS AND ISLAM"** *Moderator and Speaker*, public program sponsored by and held at the New York City Bar Association February 22, 2016
- "THE SANCTIONS REGIME AFTER THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT"** *Moderator and Speaker*, New York City Bar Association CLE Program January 28, 2016
- "INSOLVENCY AND ISLAMIC FINANCE"** *Panelist*, 2015 Insolvency and Creditor/Debtor Regimes Task Force Meeting, World Bank Group Finance & Markets, World Bank, Washington, DC November 20, 2015
- "MENA CAPITAL MARKETS AS A SMART INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY"** *Moderator and Speaker*, C3 US-Arab Business Summit, Union League Club, New York, NY October 19, 2015
- "WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD AFTER THE ARAB SPRING"** *Moderator and Speaker*, public program sponsored by and held at the New York City Bar Association May 8, 2013
- "ISLAMIC FINANCE – IN LAW & PRACTICE BOTH VERY OLD AND WHOLLY NEW"** *Moderator and Speaker*, International Law Weekend panel, Fordham Law School October 27, 2012
- "ISLAMIC FINANCE IN RELATION TO CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM,"** *Guest Speaker*, AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE, The United Nations Building, New York, NY April 6, 2010
- "ISLAMIC CAPITAL MARKETS – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE,"** *Moderator and Speaker*, New York City Bar Association CLE Program February 8, 2010
- "STRUCTURING A SHARIAH-COMPLIANT TRANSACTION,"** *Moderator and Speaker*, New York City Bar Association CLE Program June 10, 2009
- "SHARIAH-COMPLIANT FINANCE AND ISLAMIC COMMERCIAL LAW,"** *Moderator and Speaker*, New York City Bar Association CLE Program September 18, 2008
- "THE CISG AND ITS PROCEDURES AND PROVISION,"** *Moderator*, 2007 International Seminar on the Application and Interpretation of the CISG in Member States, Wuhan, China October 13, 2007
- "INTERNATIONAL SALES TRANSACTIONS: ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CISG & UCC?"** *Moderator and Speaker*, New York City Bar Association CLE Program May 1, 2007
- "UNDERSTANDING THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST,"** *Moderator and Speaker*, New York City Bar Association CLE Program March 8, 2007
- "RUSSIAN LEGAL ENVIRONMENT: INVESTMENTS, CONSUMER CREDIT AND SECURITIZATION,"** *Moderator and Speaker*, Russian Structured Finance Investment Forum September 2006
- "HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAMIC LAW,"** *Moderator and Speaker*, public program sponsored by and held at the New York City Bar Association November 2006
- "LEGAL ISSUES OF CROSS-BORDER SECURITIZATION AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIAN SECURITIZATION LAW,"** *Speaker*, New York Society of Security Analysts October 2005
- "SOVEREIGN DEBT REFORM: WILL WE SEE A CENTRAL BANKRUPTCY COURT? WILL WE NEED A CENTRAL BANKRUPTCY LAW?"**, *Co-Chair and Speaker*, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Committee of the International Bar Association, semi-annual meeting in Rome, Italy April 2003

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES HAVE INCLUDED:**

**THE ANTI-SHARI'A MOVEMENT – UNCONSTITUTIONAL DISCRIMINATION OR HOMELAND SECURITY?** — ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law, v. 18 no. 2, Spring 2012

**IFLAS AND CHAPTER 11 – CLASSICAL ISLAMIC LAW AND MODERN BANKRUPTCY** – The International Lawyer, v. 44 no. 3, Fall 2010; co-author with Abed Awad.

**TWIN RIVER BANKRUPTCY—IS A WINNING 11 POSSIBLE?** – Insight, v.6 Issue 9, December 2008

**CHAPTER 9 VERSUS CHAPTER 11 AFTER ORANGE COUNTY—LESSONS FOR THE SDRM** – IBA website; 2003

**BANKRUPTCY REMOTE STRUCTURES IN MORTGAGE LOANS** – ABA's Property & Probate; 5-6/1996; (co-author)

**MULTIPLE INTERVIEWS IN SAUDI BUSINESS PRESS AND EGYPTIAN TV NEWS PROGRAMS**