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education

Samford University Cumberland School of Law (J.D., 1995)

University of the South (B.A., Philosophy, 1991)

admissions

Alabama

honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation-Real Estate; Litigation-Land Use and Zoning), 2010–2019, 2021
- 2018 Birmingham Litigation-Real Estate “Lawyer of the Year,” *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* (Real Estate), 2014, 2015, 2017
- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Attorney

I started my career doing commercial litigation, then focused on real estate litigation and, later, began working on real estate transactions. Now, with a good deal of my work in real estate transactions, I still bring a litigator’s eye to what I do. I can see what has gone wrong or what could go wrong – which I think is really helpful for clients. They know I’m looking not just on the transaction in front of me but at the long-term – and their long-term success.

For 25 years, Michael Odom has represented clients in a broad variety of real estate transactions, finance, and litigation. He represents banks and other lenders as well as title insurance companies in a full range of transactions and disputes. Michael represents real estate developers and builders in all aspects of a deal, including land use planning, contract review, and litigation. He defends title insurance companies for alleged policy breaches, bad faith, and other claims and represents land owners, commercial contractors, and homebuilders in both transactions and in resolving disputes. He also represents landowners whose property is being condemned through eminent domain.

affiliations

Professional

- Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution
- Birmingham Bar Association
- Registered, Alabama Arbitrator Roster
- Registered, Alabama State Court Mediation Roster
- FINRA Arbitrator
- Certified Better Business Bureau Arbitrator

Michael represents lenders in commercial loan closings, commercial foreclosure matters, problem loan remediation, negotiation of forbearance and loan modification agreements, and deficiency/recovery litigation.

Michael also serves as an arbitrator and mediator. He is a FINRA arbitrator, is registered on the Alabama State Court Mediation Roster and the Alabama Arbitrator Roster, and is a certified arbitrator for the Birmingham Better Business Bureau.

published articles

"Thoughts on the Main Street Lending Program," Alabama Bankers Association Board Briefs, August 2020

"Lender Liability: Can Enforcing the Terms of a Loan Agreement Be a Breach of Contract?" Alabama Bankers Association Board Briefs, September/October 2019

presentations

"Lender Liability – Protecting Your Institution," Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Serving Small Businesses School, September 15, 2021