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LEGAL NEWS

Jonathan Michaels named to Supreme Court Bar

The founding member of Newport Beach's Michaels Law Group will be able to argue cases in the highest court in the U.S.

BY ASHLY MCGLONE
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Jonathan Michaels, founding member of Newport Beach business law firm Michaels Law Group, has received admission to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

The prestigious honor allows Michaels to present and argue cases before the highest court in the country, and offers a standing invitation to attend all oral argument sessions otherwise closed for admission.

Five thousand lawyers are admitted annually on a rolling basis, according to the Supreme Court's Public Information Office.

To qualify for admission, an attorney must be admitted to practice for at least three years without adverse disciplinary action and be sponsored by two admitted attorneys, among other considerations.

"To become part of the community that has so significantly shaped our society is just such an honor," says Michaels.

Michaels is a member of the California and Colorado state bars.

The Laguna Beach resident graduated from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business in 1992 and went on to graduate in the top 4 percent of his class from Whittier Law School in 1995.

While earning his degree, Michaels was a participant in Moot Court Honors Board competitions and served as an editor of the Whittier Law Review. He has also published a winning Law Review article, now permanently housed in the U.S. Library of Congress.

Michaels, an avid automotive enthusiast, specializes in automotive industry transactions and disputes and has gone to trial against General Motors, Nissan North America, Honda Motor Co., AM General and Toyota Motor Sales.

Michaels Law Group has represented clients in litigation at all levels of state and federal court, resulting in verdicts and settlements in the

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Michaels has also served as outside general counsel for numerous companies and private counsel for multiple members of the Forbes Billionaires list.

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