

Michael Yoder

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Michael Yoder is a partner in the Dallas office of Reid Collins & Tsai LLP. His practice is focused on complex commercial litigation frequently associated with bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings, such as litigation involving fraudulent transfers, claims against directors and officers, professional malpractice claims against audit firms and law firms, and claims against banks and other financial institutions.

Michael has worked on matters arising out of Ponzi schemes and other fraudulent schemes involving hundreds of millions of dollars of losses and sometimes involving parallel criminal proceedings and regulatory enforcement actions. Michael has spearheaded fraud investigations. Michael graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and graduated with highest honors from Rice University with an economics degree, where he also served as a teaching assistant for both undergraduate and graduate level accounting courses. During his legal career, Michael has worked with expert witnesses in connection with asset and business valuation issues, solvency analysis, economic damages, and accounting and audit issues.

Michael is well recognized for his professional achievements by industry observers. He was named a “Rising Star of the Plaintiffs’ Bar” by the *National Law Journal* and selected to *Benchmark Litigation’s* “40 & Under Hot List” in 2021; he has since been recognized each year by *Benchmark* as a “Future Litigation Star.” Michael was also selected in 2023 to the “500 X – The Next Generation of America’s Leading Lawyers” by *Lawdragon* and has been named one of the “500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America” by *Lawdragon* since 2020.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School (J.D., cum laude, 2006)

Rice University (B.A., Economics, summa cum laude, 2003) Phi Beta Kappa

Colorado School of Mines (M.S., Civil & Environmental Engineering, 2015) CEE

Poate Fellowship

ADMISSIONS

Texas

Colorado

Wyoming

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

CLERKSHIPS

In addition, Michael earned a M.S. in Civil & Environmental Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines where he was awarded the CEE Poate Fellowship and taught *Environmental Law* as an Adjunct Professor. Michael's graduate studies at Mines focused on issues pertaining to water pollution and treatment, involving subject matter such as surface and subsurface hydrology, contaminant fate and transport, water and wastewater treatment systems, hazardous waste site remediation, aqueous geochemistry and environmental organic chemistry, and toxicology. Michael is licensed to practice in Texas, Colorado, and Wyoming. He is admitted before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, and has briefed or argued appeals before federal and state appellate courts. Prior to joining Reid Collins & Tsai, Michael was a partner at Diamond McCarthy LLP.

Accolades

- Represented shareholder derivative plaintiffs pursuing breach of fiduciary duty claims on behalf of Renren, Inc. against Renren insiders, and procured \$300 million settlement.
- Represented the Insys Liquidation Trust, the successor to Insys Therapeutics, a former publicly traded company that contributed to the opioid crisis by manufacturing, marketing, and selling a highly addictive, inherently dangerous fentanyl spray to millions of people, and procured settlements on Caremark claims against former directors
- Represented Adeptus Litigation Trust, the successor to Adeptus Health, Inc. and related debtors, in bringing breach of fiduciary duty claims against former directors and officers and the debtors' alleged controlling stockholder, Sterling Partner. Claims asserted damages in excess of \$500 million.
- Represented the AMH Litigation Trust, of the successor to Alta Mesa Holdings LP, a former oil and gas exploration and development company, asserting hundreds of millions of dollars in claims against Alta Mesa's former directors and officers for breach of fiduciary duty