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Education

Cleveland State University College of Law, J.D.

Holy Cross College, B.A., cum laude

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Michael is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School, Holy Cross College and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He is an active member of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and of the Ohio and Florida Bar Associations. Michael is married to Dawn Kern O'Brien and lives in Shaker Heights with their three children, Darby, Murphy and Miles.

Courts & Bar Associations:

- Ohio Bar (1983)
- Florida Bar (1986)

- Ohio State Bar Association (1986)

Professional Honors & Awards:

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating
- AVVO Client's Choice Award
- Cleveland's Legal Leaders Top Rated Lawyers

Professional & Civic Affiliations:

- North Coast Community Homes, Lifetime Trustee
- The Sylvia and Heath Oliver Foundation, Trustee
- American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, Member

Presentations & Publications

- Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes - Crain's Cleveland Business
- (Ten More) Top Estate Planning Mistakes - The Estate Planning Council of Cleveland
- Dangers of Do-It-Yourself Estate Planning - The Estate Planning Council of Cleveland

Practice Areas

Estate, Tax & Wealth Planning

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