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Michael A. Griffin is office managing principal and office litigation manager in the Seattle, Washington, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. He is also the Disability, Leave and Health Management coordinator for the Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, offices.

Mike has a broad area of practice and responsibility with the firm. He acts as lead counsel on all aspects of employment litigation, including defending discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and whistleblower claims. Mike litigates claims for breach of non-competition agreements, theft of trade secrets, and/or breach of the duty of loyalty. He has represented employers in actions relating to the misappropriation of electronic communications and information. He also has a background in labor relations and has represented employers in various matters before the National Labor Relations Board.

In addition to his litigation responsibilities, Mike provides advice and counsel to employers on a wide range of workplace law issues, including employee leave, disability and religious accommodation, harassment avoidance, and restrictive covenants. He speaks frequently on these and other topics. Before relocating to Seattle from New York, he also litigated matters in the state and federal courts of New York.

While attending law school, Mike was Chair of the Moot Court Association and received a National Moot Court Award. He was also a National Semi-Finalist and received 3rd Best Brief recognition at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy.

Practices

- COVID-19
- Disability, Leave and Health Management
- Distribution and Warehousing
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Trials and Appeals
- Workplace Training

Education

- New York Law School, J.D. 1997
- State University of New York at Stony Brook, B.A. 1993

Admitted to Practice

- U.S. Supreme Court 2007
- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals 1999
- Oregon - D. Or. 2003
- Washington - E.D. Wash. 2002
- Washington - W.D. Wash. 1999
- Oregon 2003
- Washington 1999

Honors and Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, “Employment Law – Management,” (2022-present), “Labor Law - Management” (2021-present) and “Litigation - Labor and Employment” (2021-present)
- *Chambers USA*, “Labor & Employment” (2009-present)
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, “Rising Stars” (2005) and “Super Lawyers” (2014-2019, 2023-present)
- *Thomson Reuters*, “Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer – Independently Rated Lawyers”