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Michael Brian Taylor is of counsel in the New Orleans, Louisiana, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. Michael brings nearly two decades of experience advising small businesses across a number of industries. He works diligently to understand the trends and issues affecting clients' businesses, and they appreciate his propensity for problem-solving through collaboration and forward-thinking advice.

Michael advises clients on a diverse range of employment matters, including wage and hour issues, workplace discrimination claims, and employee benefits class actions. He is an intuitive counselor and advocate who considers how a client's decision will not only affect their bottom line in the present, but also how the business can succeed in the future. Recognizing that solving business problems often prevents legal problems, Michael applies this philosophy similarly to local businesses, as well as employers with regional and national presences.

Before joining Jackson Lewis, Michael advised technology startups, service organizations, charter schools, and advertising companies on workplace issues and substantive claims that affected their businesses. The 2008 financial crisis catapulted him into the area of employment law, as clients sought advice regarding business restructuring and termination issues.

Michael began his career as a judicial law clerk for the Hennepin County District Court in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition to having his own practice, he has lectured on business law and constitutional law at South Dakota State University, as well as employment law and pharmacy ethics at Xavier University in New Orleans.

Honors and Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management" and "Ones to Watch: Litigation – Labor and Employment" (2025)

Practices

- Employment Litigation

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School, J.D. 2000
- Morehouse College, B.A. 1996

Admitted to Practice

- Louisiana - M.D. La. 2022
- Louisiana - E.D. La. 2021
- Louisiana - W.D. La. 2021
- Louisiana 2020
- South Dakota (inactive) 2018
- Minnesota - D. Minn. 2003
- Minnesota 2002