

**Michael M.K. Sebree**

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**Practice Areas**

- Business and Corporate
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate

**Overview**

Michael Sebree has extensive experience in business and corporate transactions, specifically mergers and acquisitions (M&A). He has successfully represented both buyers and sellers in more than 250 M&A transactions totaling several billion dollars in a variety of industries, including construction, automotive, financial services, hospitality, manufacturing, technology, and professional services. He also serves as outside general counsel to many local and regional companies providing business advice regarding:

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Entity formation
- Contract review
- Negotiation and preparation of business contracts
- Private Placement and Venture and Private Equity
- Corporate governance issues
- Trade secret and non-solicitation agreements
- Business succession and tax planning

Mike is also highly experienced in resolving internal shareholder disputes for closely held companies, helping clients navigate complex interpersonal and legal dynamics to reach favorable outcomes.

As a committed contributor to the entrepreneurial and tech communities, Mike has presented for organizations

such as Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). He's lectured on topics including:

- Structuring mergers and acquisitions
- Use of family limited partnerships and LLCs in succession planning
- Legal strategies for established [businesses and startups](#)

He has also moderated panels such as Oaklanders Talk Tech program [Accelerating Tech Ecosystems](#), leading discussions on how incubators and accelerators help entrepreneurs attract investors.

In law school, Mike was an editor of the *Washington Law Review*.

## Professional & Community Affiliations

- Member, Alameda County Bar Association
- Member, San Francisco Intellectual Property Association
- Member, California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
- Member, American Health Lawyers Associations
- Member, American Bar Association

## Recognition

- Awarded, AV® Preeminent™ peer-review rated, *Martindale-Hubbell™*, 2013 - present
- Awarded, AV® Preeminent™ Judicial Edition, *Martindale-Hubbell™*, 2013 - present
- Awarded, AV® Preeminent™ Lawyers.com, *Martindale-Hubbell™*, 2018 - present
- Awarded, America's Most Honored Lawyers - Top 1%, *Americas Most Honored*, 2016 - present
- Awarded, Avvo Top Rated Lawyer, *Martindale-Avvo*, 2024-present
- Named, Northern California Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers*, 2024

## Bar Admissions

- California

## Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

## Education

- **J.D.**, University of Washington Law School
  - Editor, Washington Law Review
- **B.A.**, California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo

## Recent Articles/News

- [Donahue Fitzgerald Advises Sutter Instrument in Branford Castle-Backed Lafayette Instrument Acquisition](#), *PR Newswire*, May 12, 2026
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Recognized as AV Preeminent on Martindale-Hubbell®](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Advises Norton Packaging in Significant Investment by Platinum Equity](#), *Pulse 2.0*, January 11, 2026
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Advises Hydraulic Controls, Inc. in A&L Hydraulics Inc. Acquisition](#), October 1, 2025
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Advises 2050 Partners, a Decarbonization and Energy Consulting Firm, in West Monroe's Acquisition](#), *PR Newswire*, September 17, 2025
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Advises Veenstra & Kimm, a Multi-Disciplinary Engineering Firm, in The Kleinfelder Group's Acquisition](#), *Businesswire*, April 9, 2025
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Attorneys Named 2024 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Advises Fidelity Roofing Company in HCI Equity Partner-Backed Highland Commercial Roofing's Acquisition](#), *PR Newswire*, April 11, 2024
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Advises Prime Engineering in Strategic Investment from Godspeed Capital](#), *Business Wire*, May 11, 2021
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2021 "Best Law Firms"](#)

## Past Articles/News

- [Does COVID-19 Excuse Performance Under Your Contract?](#), March 31, 2020
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2020 "Best Law Firms"](#)
- [New California LLC Act](#)

## **Recent Speaking Engagements**

- , Accelerating Tech Ecosystems , Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- , Preparing a Middle Market Business for Sale or Succession: A CBC Middle Market Business Event Series , California Bank of Commerce