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Biography

Michael Burgess is an insurance coverage and litigation attorney in Atlanta, Georgia. He specializes in providing insurance coverage advice to both domestic and international insurers regarding commercial general liability, commercial property, and bad faith claims. Additionally, he serves as defense counsel in direct litigation involving personal injury and premises liability claims in Georgia and Tennessee.

Michael joined Fields Howell as an associate in 2018 after serving as a summer associate for the firm in 2017. While at Fields Howell, Michael has worked on various multi-million dollar matters in both state and federal courts, including litigation involving COVID-19, pharmaceutical products, environmental and energy losses, and other large property and commercial liability claims. Prior to joining Fields Howell, Michael served as a legal intern at the Federal Trade Commission, the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina, and the Municipal Court of Roswell, Georgia.

Michael earned his Juris Doctor with Honors from Emory University School of Law after graduating *summa cum laude* from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science. At Emory, in addition to completing his coursework in the top third of his class, Michael served as Managing Editor of the Emory Corporate Governance and Accountability Law Review and as Treasurer of the National Security and Military Law Society. Outside of the office, Michael is an avid Atlanta sports fan and enjoys playing disc golf and hiking.

Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2018
  - with Honors

    - National Security and Military Law Society, Treasurer
    - *Emory Corporate Governance and Accountability Review*, Managing Editor
- Mississippi State University, B.A., 2015
    - *Summa Cum Laude*
    - Shackouls Honors College
    - Society of Scholars
    - Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award, Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Memberships

- State Bar of Georgia, Young Lawyers Division

Presentations and Publications

“Insuring Entity Homeowners,” presented to London Market Syndicate by Stephen A. Kahn and Michael F. Burgess (October 2025)

Admissions

STATE BARS

State Bar of Georgia

State Bar of Tennessee

DISTRICT COURTS

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas

United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas

Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Builder's Risk
- Bad Faith
- Casualty & Excess Casualty
- Catastrophic Loss Litigation
- Commercial General Liability

- Insurance Defense
- Products Liability
- Property
- Subrogation