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Michael G. Rhodes is nationally recognized as a leading trial lawyer for innovators and disruptors. He formerly was the Global Chair of Cooley LLP's cyber/data/privacy practice group, Global Chair of the Firm's Litigation Department and a member of the firm's Management Committee. Clients such as Google, Facebook (Meta), Open AI, the Kardashians, Justin and Hailey Bieber, Noom, Zoom, Plaid, Coinbase, the Golden State Warriors, Niantic (PokémonGo), and Turo all look to Mike for trusted advice. Mike has been lead trial counsel for Facebook in four jury trials (settling one during trial and obtaining winning verdicts in the other three). In April 2022, Mike was lead counsel for the Kardashian-Jenner family in the high profile celebrity trial involving claims of defamation brought by Angela White (aka Blac Chyna) - obtaining a complete jury win.

For many years, he has been acclaimed as one of the nation's top lawyers:

- An American Lawyer "Litigator of the Year"
- Chambers USA: top lawyer in commercial litigation, IP litigation, privacy and data protection
- Benchmark Litigation - top 20 trial lawyer in California
- 8-time Law360 MVP in the "Cybersecurity and Privacy" category
- The Daily Journal Top Cyber Lawyer, Top IP Litigator; Top 100 Lawyers in California (multiple years)
- The National Law Journal: "Cybersecurity & Data Privacy Trailblazer"
- Legal 500: "Leading Trial Lawyer" Hall of Fame
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America
- IAM Patent 1000 top lawyers for IP litigation (multiple years)
- Managing Intellectual Property IP Star (multiple years)
- The Recorder: "Attorney of the Year" for high-profile achievements in court
- American Lawyer Litigator of the Week and runner up (multiple times)

Education

Loyola Law School

JD, 1984

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

BA, 1980

Admissions & Credentials

California

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

US District Court for the Central District of California

US District Court for the Eastern District of California

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US District Court for the Southern District of California

US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

US District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

Rankings & Accolades

Los Angeles Times: Entertainment Business Visionary (2024)

The American Lawyer: Litigator of the Week

Law360: Privacy & Consumer Protection MVP (2011-2017)

Daily Journal: Top IP Litigators in California

Billboard: Top Music Lawyers

Daily Journal: Top 100 Lawyers in California

National Law Journal: Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Trailblazer

Chambers USA: Band 1 for Privacy & Data Security: Litigation – Nationwide (2023 – 2024)

Chambers USA: Privacy & Data Security: Litigation – Nationwide (2020 – 2022)

The American Lawyer: Litigator of the Year (2021)

Chambers USA: Litigation: General Commercial – California (2020 – 2024)

Chambers USA: Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation – California (2020 – 2024)

Legal 500: Hall of Fame, Leading Trial Lawyer, Cyber Law, Data Protection and Privacy

Benchmark Litigation Star

Managing Intellectual Property: IP Star

Intellectual Asset Management: IAM Patent 1000

The Recorder: Attorney of the Year (2010)

Best Lawyers in America: Commercial Litigation; Derivative Litigation; Intellectual Property Litigation

Southern California SuperLawyers: Business Litigation

Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA)

San Diego County Bar Association