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Michael represents public and late-stage private companies in a broad range of corporate governance, disclosure and sustainability matters. He has extensive experience counseling management and boards on corporate governance policy and trends, engagement and activism, shareholder proposals, environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters, and Exchange Act reporting. Michael regularly publishes thought leadership related to governance, sustainability and public company disclosure practices, and advises clients on key market trends, evolving best practices, and emerging Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), stock exchange, and other federal and state regulations.

Michael's practice includes a special focus on advising public companies on proxy season matters – including pre-meeting shareholder engagement, proxy advisor and institutional investor policies, shareholder proposals, board structure and composition, and proxy disclosures. He also works closely with IPO-stage companies on public company readiness matters – including establishing key governance and compliance processes, stakeholder relations, and preparing initial SEC and sustainability reporting.

Michael is deeply experienced in assisting corporate and funds clients with the establishment and development of ESG programs, providing strategic advice to boards and management teams on complex sustainability matters – including climate reporting and targets, transaction diligence, green finance, board oversight, disclosure controls and regulatory compliance.

Education

Harvard Law School

JD, 2014

Harvard University

MA, 2014

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris

Master Recherche, 2010

University of Chicago

BA, 2008

Admissions & Credentials

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