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Michael S. Paradise is a seasoned and experienced attorney who has been practicing law since 1988. He has been described as a “lawyer’s lawyer” and represents both corporate and individual clients. A corporate and securities lawyer by training, Michael was associated with a number of prominent law firms, including Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and Rosenman & Colin LLP (now known as Katten Muchin Rosenman).

He counsels clients in myriad disciplines, including general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, securities regulatory matters, private investment funds, investment advisor and broker-dealer matters, intellectual property, licensing, real estate, fashion law, labor and employment, litigation and arbitration.

Within the last few years, Michael has also developed specialization in trusts and estates planning, administration and litigation. In this area, he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding the business issues that arise from complex estates and trusts.

From May 2016 through October 2019, Michael was an Executive Vice President and the General Counsel of Steven Madden, Ltd., the diversified footwear and apparel company, where he was in charge of all legal matters, including general corporate matters, cross border joint ventures, corporate governance, labor and employment, real estate (including

commercial leasing), licensing, social media, litigation, compliance and intellectual property.

With a diversified client base and his multi-disciplinary skills, Michael also acts in a general counsel capacity for companies and individuals as a strategic point person, where he builds teams of experts in various disciplines to address the many issues that arise in complex legal situations. Having a large book of contacts in the legal and business worlds, he is able to quarterback national and multi-national matters that require expertise from other professionals.

Earlier in his career, Michael founded and ran a hedge fund and venture capital group and was instrumental in establishing one of the first on-line restaurant delivery companies, which is now known as Delivery.com.

Michael has written articles and appeared on numerous panels in the financial, corporate and fashion law areas.

## Education

- Law degree, With Honors (J.D., 1987) from The National Law Center of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.
- Undergraduate degree, Cum Laude (B.A., 1984) from the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York
- Certificate in International Relations from the University of Rochester

## Practice Areas

- Corporate and Securities
- Corporate Law
- Real Estate
- Intellectual Property
- Employment
- Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Trusts and Estates