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Biography

Michael Carter is a Partner in our Oklahoma City office where he focuses his practice on asbestos, talc, and silica defense, products liability, labor and employment, and workers' compensation matters. Michael has defended multi-party asbestos, talc, respirable dust, silica, and benzene exposure cases in multiple jurisdictions across the United States, representing equipment manufacturers, distributors, contractors, premises owners, manufacturers of industrial and cosmetic talc products, manufacturers of joint compound, and manufacturers of fire brick, felt, gaskets, and kiln-entry suits. He has substantial experience serving clients as National Coordinating Counsel in nationwide talc litigation.

In addition, Michael has many years' experience in the field of workers' compensation and serves as chair of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation. He works to counsel clients in all aspects of employment including the development of

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employment policies, human resources outsourcing, employer immigration compliance, and issues involving professional employer organizations.

Michael earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Letters from the University of Oklahoma.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

• Oklahoma, 1982

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Education

- J.D., University of Oklahoma, 1982
- B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1979

Memberships

- DRI
 - Board of Directors, 2021-Present
 - State Representative, 2018-2021

- Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel
 - o President, 2017
 - Director 1998-2001, 2010-2012
 - Legislative Director 2012-2014
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
- Luther Bohanon American Inns of Court XXIII, President, 2016-17

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- American Bar Association
- Oklahoma Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation, Chair, 2011-2023
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, Board Member, 1999-2001
- Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund, Board Member, 2012-2018

Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- The Best Lawyers in America® Lawyer of the Year in OKC Insurance Law, Best Lawyers®, 2021
- The Best Lawyers in America® Lawyer of the Year in OKC Workers' Compensation Law – Employers, Best Lawyers®, 2017, 2020
- The Best Lawyers in America® Insurance Law, Best Lawyers®, 2021, 2024
- The Best Lawyers in America® Labor Law Management, Best Lawyers®, 2019-2024
- The Best Lawyers in America® Litigation Insurance, Best Lawyers®, 2024
- The Best Lawyers in America® Litigation Labor and Employment, Best Lawyers®, 2020-2024
- The Best Lawyers in America® Product Liability Litigation Defendants, Best Lawyers®, 2024
- The Best Lawyers in America® Workers' Compensation Law – Employers, Best Lawyers®, 2012-2024

In the Press

Concurrent Jurisdiction in Workers' Compensation Claims

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Michael D. Carter to its office
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practice on medical
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