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Practices: Labor, Employment & Immigration; Real Estate Finance, Default Resolution & Servicing; Real Estate

Industries: Real Estate

Michael Chen is a member of Winstead's Labor, Employment & Immigration Practice Group. His practice is focused on the representation of international corporations and individuals in immigration matters, by crafting comprehensive, responsive, and practical solutions to their U.S. visa and immigration issues.

Michael counsels multinationals, entrepreneurs, professional services firms, importers and trading businesses, and investment funds in industries ranging from manufacturing, technology, engineering, banking, hospitality, sports and entertainment to real estate, on navigating the complex immigration and visa processes for successfully making investments and bringing essential global professionals into the United States. He also has experience in real estate and financial services transactions.

After law school, Michael won the Covington & Burling *Westwood Fellowship* and launched the first pro bono wills, probate, and advanced directives clinic serving the Washington, D.C. Metro area.

Prior to joining Winstead, Michael served almost eight years as Assistant District Attorney for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

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Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of North Carolina
- State Bar of Maryland
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- International House - Immigration Law Clinic
- Charlotte Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Executive Committee
- Charlotte Chinese School, Board Member
- Central Piedmont Community College, Adjunct Instructor
- Charlotte Taiwanese-American Association, President

Awards & Recognition

- Asian Pacific Legal Resource Center
- Columbus Community Legal Services, Families and the Law Clinic, Student Attorney Award
- Covington & Burling Westwood Fellowship
- Panelist at Legal Services Corporation's Technology Initiative Grant Conference



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Education

Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

– J.D., 2003

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

– B.A., American History, 1999

– B.A., Asian Studies, 1999

Languages

Mandarin Chinese

Taiwanese

- Chinese-Taiwanese Overseas Affairs Council

Admissions

- North Carolina, 2007
- Maryland, 2003, Inactive
- U.S. District Courts, District of Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit