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Areas of Focus

- Government
- Public Sector Litigation
- Public Revenue: Rates, Fees and Charges
- Water Law

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Michael represents public agencies in eminent domain, inverse condemnation, real property, and general civil litigation. His eminent domain work includes condemnation and precondemnation entry proceedings for public infrastructure and water projects. He advises water, wastewater, and groundwater agencies on rates and fees under Propositions 218 and 26 and has litigated validation actions over water and sewer rates. His experience also includes advising on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), SGMA fees, and groundwater adjudications.

Before joining Hanson Bridgett, Michael served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Tort and Condemnation Section of the California Department of Justice, where he began his career through the Attorney General's Honors Program. He represented state agencies in condemnation, inverse condemnation, federal takings, quiet title, and lease and contract disputes. He also defended state agencies and their employees in tort, dangerous condition of public property, civil rights, and Government Claims Act matters.

Michael regularly handles:

- Eminent domain and precondemnation matters for public infrastructure and water projects
- Inverse condemnation, quiet title, and other real property disputes
- Water and sewer rates and fees under Propositions 218 and 26
- Validation actions

- SGMA, SGMA fees, and groundwater adjudications
- Water rights proceedings
- Dangerous condition of public property, tort, and civil rights defense of public entities and employees

Representative Work

***Department of Water Resources Cases* (2026) 119 Cal.App.5th 602** .

Publications

“EPA Releases Plan to Require that Drinking Water Suppliers Begin Monitoring Microplastics,” co-author, Environmental Law Legal Alert (April 2026)

Academic Distinctions

Hastings Environmental Law Journal, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Witkin Award, Land Use Regulation

CALI Awards, Administrative Law and Land Use Regulation

Education

J.D., UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2021)

B.S., Ursinus College (2015)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California