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EDUCATION

William and Mary – Marshall Wythe
School of Law

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Lafayette College

BA

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Virginia

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court Eastern Virginia

Michael Junk

Senior Counsel

Michael Junk represents plans, plan sponsors, and plan fiduciaries in pension, disability, and related employee-benefits litigation and agency investigations. Michael's experience includes representing single and multi-employer benefit plans and fiduciaries against denial-of-benefit claims brought under ERISA section 502(a)(1)(B), and breach-of-fiduciary-duty claims under ERISA section 502(a)(3). He also routinely consults with plan sponsors and administrators on a broad range of benefits-related matters, including best practices in benefit claims administration, Department of Labor claims regulations, and litigation risk-management strategies.

Michael has a broad range of litigation experience in state and federal court venues across the country. In his time at Groom, he has appeared as lead counsel for a number of firm clients in a variety of cases pending before federal courts in Massachusetts, Maryland, Indiana, Texas, and California, to name just a few. Prior to joining Groom, Michael was a partner with a D.C. litigation firm, where for more than 10 years he defended corporate clients in serial and mass tort personal injury litigation typically involving prescription drugs, medical devices, toxic exposures, or industrial accidents.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Defense Research Institute

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Listed, *The Legal 500 US*, ERISA Litigation (2016)
- Listed, *Super Lawyers*, Employee Benefits, Litigation (2020-2021)

I most like finding ways to avoid or efficiently resolve litigation. To me, that's the greatest accomplishment.