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Michael is an articling student at BLG in Toronto. He is interested in dispute resolution.

Michael holds degrees in music, public policy, and law from Memorial University, the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and the University of Toronto. In addition to his academic studies, Michael has worked as a professional musician, including as a member of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, at the House of Commons in Ottawa, and in the Office of the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador. Michael has also served on boards and committees at several charitable, higher education, and arts organizations. At law school, Michael was selected to be a Junior Fellow at Massey College, where he co-chaired the Massey Law Society, and served as a senior editor of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review.

Michael chose BLG because of its national, full-service scope and collegial community. The breadth of cases and clients that BLG attracts – including mandates of significance national importance – is a testament to the expertise and professionalism of its team members.

In his spare time, Michael enjoys playing orchestral and chamber music, attending live music performances, playing tennis, or spending time outdoors, especially in Newfoundland and Labrador.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "The SCC lowers the legal threshold for challenging the vires of subordinate legislation", BLG Article, November 2024

- Author, "The Safe Third Country Agreement: Safe... For now?", BLG Article, June 2023

## Education

- JD, University of Toronto, 2024
- MPP, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, 2020
- MSt (Music), University of Oxford, 2019
- BMus (Hons), Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2018

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