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For Michael Abraham, it's not how you fall — it's how you get up. It's all about the end goal. For Michael's clients, this means an invaluable work ethic that yields creative solutions in a small amount of time. With a passion for the law, Michael is driven by the diverse challenges of the legal issues that come across his desk. Strategizing carefully and tediously exploring all avenues available, Michael is a prepared lawyer who thinks well on his feet. He gives 100% of his effort toward being the most creative and efficient advocate for his clients in every case. With Michael, clients can expect to be represented by a lawyer and family-man with knowledge, experience and sincere determination.

Education

- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Juris Doctor, 1994
- University of New Orleans, B.S. Management, 1989

Bar Admissions

- Louisiana, 1994

Important Litigation Involvement:

- Assisted in successfully obtaining a favorable ruling following a Daubert challenge to significantly limit the testimony of plaintiffs' expert pathologist, Dr. Jacques Legier.
- Assisted in obtaining a favorable ruling by Judge Lance Africk in the Eastern District of Louisiana in *Comardelle v. Pennsylvania General Insurance Co., et al.*, following a Daubert challenge seeking to prevent the plaintiffs' medical causation expert pathologist, Dr. Samuel Hammar, from asserting the "each and every exposure" theory of causation. Dr. Hammar's proposed specific causation testimony was significantly limited, and the case was subsequently settled on favorable terms. See *Comardelle v. Pennsylvania General Ins. Co., et al.*, 2015 WL 64279, at *5 (E.D. La. 2015) (order granting Daubert Motion).
- Assisted in obtaining a favorable ruling by Judge Carl Barbier in the Eastern District of Louisiana in *Vedros v. Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Inc., et al.*, following a Daubert challenge seeking to prevent the plaintiffs' medical causation expert pathologist, Dr. Stephen Terry Kraus, from asserting the "each and every exposure" theory of causation. Dr. Kraus' proposed specific causation testimony was significantly limited, and the case was subsequently settled on favorable terms. See *Vedros v. Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Inc., et al.*, 119 F. Supp.3d 556 (E.D. La. 2015).

Professional Recognition

- Selected as a Top Lawyer by New Orleans Magazine (2021)
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2018: Product Liability Litigation - Defendants



Organization/Committee Memberships

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar

Publications

- "The Modern Office: Work-Life Balance in the Technology Age," DRI's The Voice, June 12, 2013.

Previous Experience

- Prior to joining the Firm, Michael served as a staff attorney with the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office where he assisted Sheriff Charles C. Foti, Jr. with various projects ranging from criminal issues to prison conditions.
- Mr. Abraham also worked as an Assistant District Attorney for Orleans Parish and was responsible for the prosecution of felony cases and the presentment of cases to the grand jury. After his work at the District Attorney's Office, he practiced predominantly in the areas of insurance defense, product liability, personal injury, and toxic tort.

Practice Areas

- Asbestos
- Benzene
- Environmental Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability