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Michael J. Houde is an associate in Goodell DeVries's Commercial and Business Tort Litigation and Product Liability Practice Groups. Michael has first-chair experience in representing national casualty and liability insurers in trials at the District and Circuit Court levels across the state of Maryland. He has also defended major regional and national corporations in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City's extensive asbestos docket in cases dating back to the mid-nineteen-eighties.

He has also represented employers and insurers in the defense of workers' compensation claims before the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission, on appeal in courts throughout the state of Maryland, and before the Appellate Court of Maryland and the Supreme Court of Maryland.

Michael previously practiced at a Washington, D.C., law firm representing independent hospitals as well as hospital systems in Maryland and D.C. in all stages of administrative proceedings before the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings. He simultaneously advised those independent hospitals and hospital systems in complex insurance and jurisdictional disputes and assisted in maintaining, ensuring, and establishing compliance with various healthcare industry laws and regulations.

Practice Areas

- Commercial and Business Tort Litigation
- Product Liability

Court Admissions

- Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., 2017)
- University of Mississippi (B.A., 2014)
 - ACHA Ice Hockey (2010-2012)

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Baltimore County Bar Association

Professional Experience

- Semmes, Bowen, & Semmes, P.C. – Associate (2022-2024)
- Bodie, Dolina, Hobbs, Friddell & Grenzer, P.C. – Associate (2020-2022)
- Healthcare Legal Solutions, LLC – Attorney (2018-2020)
- The Law Offices of Bruce A. Johnson, Jr., LLC – Associate (2018)
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Intellectual Property Rights – Legislative Analyst Extern (2016)
- The MIL Corporation – Contracted Legislative Analyst (2016)
- Lange, Thomas & Associates – Summer Law Clerk (2015)

Representative Matters

- *United Parcel Service, et al. v. Strothers*, 482 Md. 198 (2022)

Publications

- Author, “[FTC Final Rule on Noncompete Clauses: Pending Litigation](#),” Goodell DeVries Blog (October 5, 2024)
- Author, “[FTC Noncompete Rule: How DC, MD, and VA State Laws Are Affected](#),” Goodell DeVries Blog (June 11, 2024)
- Author, “[3 Steps to Prepare for the FTC Noncompete Clause Rule](#),” Goodell DeVries Blog (June 4, 2024)

Honors and Awards

- 2016 Department of Commerce Gold Medal – Award conferred by the Secretary of Commerce to the entire International Trade Administration in recognition of efforts in support of Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations
- Maryland Super Lawyers – Rising Star
 - Workers' Compensation (2024-2025)