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Michael Neifach is the office managing principal of the Washington, D.C. Region office of Jackson Lewis P.C. He is a recognized leader on immigration, visa, and border security matters.

Michael has held senior positions at the White House Homeland Security Council, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). He served as general counsel at ICE from July 2007 through January 2009. Following his government service, he oversaw the Immigration, Compliance, and Homeland Security practice at a boutique immigration law firm until joining Jackson Lewis.

Michael's practice focuses exclusively on immigration law. He advises corporate and individual clients on a broad range of issues, including maintaining strict workplace law compliance in an era of heightened government enforcement targeting employers, assisting clients who may encounter difficulties or delays in the visa process at United States Consular posts abroad, and government relations activities to enable business community dialogue with agency policymakers. He represents a variety of clients, ranging from large companies to private equity funds, and law firms to high profile individuals with specific ongoing immigration or visa problems.

Michael has been a frequent speaker and invited participant at business and professional associations, including the American Bar Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and is frequently interviewed for national publications and journals.

Honors and Recognitions

- *JD Supra*, "Readers' Choice Award" (2025)
- *Lawdragon*, "100 Leading Immigration Lawyers" (2023-present)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Immigration Law" (2020-present)
- *Legal 500 USA*, "Recommended Attorney" (2017-present)
- *The National Law Review*, Go-To Thought Leadership Award (2020)
- Secretary of Homeland Security Award for Exceptional Service
- U.S. Department of Justice Federal Service Award

Practices

- National Compliance and Multi-State Solutions
- Corporate Governance and Investigations
- Hospitality
- Hotels
- Immigration
- Manufacturing
- Restaurants
- Retail
- White Collar and Government Enforcement

Admitted to Practice

- District of Columbia