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Michael W. Peregrine represents corporations, their boards of directors, and individual directors and officers in connection with the full range of governance, fiduciary duty, director liability, and leadership issues. Much of Michael's practice involves advising boards of directors on matters of sensitivity and controversy, often in connection with corporate and fiduciary crises. He is recognized as one of the leading national corporate governance counselors and is a respected interpreter of the law of fiduciary duties.

Michael serves as outside governance counsel to many prominent corporations, including hospitals and health systems, voluntary health organizations, colleges and universities, disease charities, social service agencies, health insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, and financial institutions. Clients regularly seek Michael's advice on complex and discreet governance matters including—but not limited to—the following:

- General application of fiduciary responsibilities
- Board conduct, composition, and culture
- Board and committee structure
- Oversight of corporate legal, risk, and compliance functions
- Intra-board conflict and dysfunction
- Application of governance best practices

Michael is particularly known for his expertise concerning governance structures arising from mergers, acquisitions, and other change of control transactions; he is also widely recognized for his knowledge of nonprofit corporate law and related matters of public policy. As a Senior Contributor to Forbes, he writes about governance, leadership, and boardroom culture topics.

Michael is often called upon to advise boards on judicial and regulatory challenges to governance. He also provides strategic counseling related to difficult corporate reputation matters and problematic media coverage. In addition, he frequently serves as special counsel for confidential internal board reviews, investigations, and disciplinary matters.