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Michael Pinkard represents established businesses and individuals in various aspects of civil litigation. His practice focuses on the defense of claims involving premises liability, commercial motor vehicle accidents, labor law litigation related to construction disputes, and general negligence. Michael handles all phases of litigation from initial investigation through discovery, depositions, motion practice, and settlement negotiations. He skillfully navigates multi-party actions and routinely manages cases involving contractual risk transfer, indemnity, and insurance coverage analysis. Michael is committed to helping clients achieve practical outcomes aligned with their operational goals, providing clear communication and strategic counsel to guide them in managing exposure and mitigating risk, thereby enabling them to remain focused on their core business.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Michael gained valuable experience representing insured and self-insured entities in coordination with several leading national insurance carriers, including one of the world's largest multiline property and casualty insurers. His experience allows him to provide responsive, results-driven representation that supports clients' legal and financial objectives.

Education

- William & Mary School of Law (J.D., 2018)
 - Director, Student Legal Services
 - Committee Chair, Black Law Students Association
- Rutgers University (B.A. Philosophy and Political Science, 2013)

Bar Admissions

- New York

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Transportation
- Construction

- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA)
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)