Michael G. Rhodes
Mediator / Arbitrator / Independent Panelist

Michael G. Rhodes has been recognized as a leading trial lawyer for innovators and disruptors. He served as the Global Chair of Cooley LLP's Litigation Department and cyber / data / privacy practice group. He also served on Cooley's Management Committee. Notable clients included Google, Meta, Open AI, the Kardashian-Jenner family, Justin and Hailey Bieber, Noom, Zoom, Plaid, Coinbase, the Golden State Warriors, Niantic (PokémonGo), and Turo.

Mike was a trusted trial lawyer for Meta (Facebook), having led and won three IP jury trials and settling another during trial but before a verdict. Mike also led and won the high profile celebrity jury trial involving claims of defamation brought by Angela White (aka Blac Chyna) against the Kardashian-Jenner family.

After 40 years in practice, Mike retired as a senior partner from Cooley at the end of 2024. During his career, he received many accolades, including:

- An American Lawyer "Litigator of the Year"
- Chambers USA: top lawyer in commercial litigation, IP litigation, privacy and data protection
- Benchmark Litigation - top 20 trial lawyer in California
- 8-time Law360 MVP in the "Cybersecurity and Privacy" category
- Daily Journal Top Cyber Lawyer, Top IP Litigator; Top 100 Lawyers in California (multiple years)
- The National Law Journal: "Cybersecurity & Data Privacy Trailblazer"
- Legal 500: "Leading Trial Lawyer" Hall of Fame
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America
- IAM Patent 1000 top lawyers for IP litigation (multiple years)
- Managing Intellectual Property IP Star (multiple years)
- The Recorder: "Attorney of the Year" for high-profile achievements in court
- American Lawyer Litigator of the Week and runner up (multiple times)

Education

Loyola Law School - JD, with honors, 1984

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) - BA, History, 1980

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