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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Child Custody
- Alienation of Affection
- Prenuptial Agreements
- Divorce & Separation
- Alimony
- Property Division
- Child Support
- Corporate & Business Law
- Mediation & Arbitration
- Family Law
- Business Litigation

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MY PROFILE

[Michael Denning](#) is an accomplished jurist and former District Court Judge for Judicial District 10 in Wake County, North Carolina. In his capacity as Of Counsel in Smith Debnam's [Mediation and Arbitration Practice Group](#), he focuses his mediation practice in the areas of [Business Litigation](#), [Corporate and Business Law](#), and [Family Law](#). Michael is a certified family financial mediator through the *North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission*. In his domestic law [arbitration and mediation practice](#), he mediates disputes involving all aspects of [family law](#), including [divorce](#), [child custody](#), equitable distribution, [child support](#), and alimony.

The seventh child (fourth of seven boys) in a family of twelve, Michael is a Marine Corps veteran with over 10 years of service. While in active duty, Michael served as a Marine Security Guard at U.S. Embassies in China, Japan, and Indonesia, and briefly in Mongolia.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Michael attended and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with undergraduate degrees in English and Medieval History. He earned his J.D. from Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. In 2010, Michael was elected to the District Court Bench.

Michael and his wife Jill have been married for 20 years and have two boys.

MY CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- North Carolina State Bar - 2007
- Wake County Bar - 2007
- United States Court Eastern District, North Carolina - 2007
- United States Court Middle District, North Carolina, - 2007
- United States Court Western District, North Carolina - 2007

Education

- Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law - 2007
- University Of North Carolina, Chapel Hill - BA English, Medieval History

Certifications

- Certified Family Financial Mediator

Civic Involvement

- Trinity Academy of Raleigh Board - 2020

ARTICLES & INSIGHTS

March 5, 2021

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