



Michael P. Motyka

Chief Operating Officer

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Mike joined Marshall Gerstein in 2015 as our Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer. He has over 25 years of leadership experience in mid-size and large law firms and is a leader in the law firm community, organizing regular roundtables of Chicago law firm COO's and Executive Directors, speaking at conferences, and serving as President of the Chicago Chapter of the ALA.

Representative Experience

Mike's areas of responsibility include:

- General firm-wide Administration
 - Finance
 - Human Resources & Talent Management
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - Information Technology
 - Business Development
 - Office Services and Facilities
 - Library/Research Services
- Strategic Planning
- Policy Recommendation and Implementation

Background and Credentials

Prior to joining the Marshall Gerstein, Mike was the Chief Operating Officer at a mid-size Chicago law firm and held leadership positions at several AmLaw 100 law firms.

He earned his MBA at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Before that, Mike pursued graduate studies in finance and international relations at the University of Chicago and earned his B.A. at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Education

- Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management (MBA)
- University of Chicago
 - Graduate studies in Finance and International Relations
- University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A., *with distinction*)
 - Political Science, International Relations, History

Community and Professional Involvement

- Association of Legal Administrators – Chicago Chapter
 - Leader of Law Firm COO & Executive Director Roundtable (2019 to Present)
 - President (2018–19)
 - Vice President (2017–18)
 - Treasurer (2015–17)
- PilotLegis Law Firm Risk Purchasing Group
 - Co-Chair of Risk Management Committee (2021 to Present)
- Annual Law Firm COO & CFO Conference – Thomson Reuters Institute
 - Advisory Board Member for the 22nd Annual Law Firm COO & CFO Conference in Washington, D.C. (November 2023)
 - Panelist at 21st Annual Law Firm COO & CFO Conference in New York, NY (October 2022)
- Chicago Waldorf School
 - President's Advisory Council (2022 to Present)
 - Chair of Capital Campaign Committee (2013–14)
 - President & Chair of Board of Trustees (2010–13)
- Legal Marketing Association – Member
- International Legal Technology Association – Member
- Executives' Club of Chicago – Member