



# TOTAL REWARDS

THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR WELL-BEING

Michael Best is committed to its employees and their communities. The firm's approach to Total Rewards reflects that commitment. The firm is proud to offer a comprehensive and competitive Total Rewards package that provides a variety of resources designed to enhance its employees' overall well-being.

Michael Best received a National Tier 1 ranking from *U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers* in: Advertising Law, Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law, and Trademark Law.



## Benefits

### Health Insurance

Employees are eligible for health insurance on the first day of employment. Coverage is partially paid by the firm, and the balance is paid by the employee. Various plan options, suitable for the employee and the employee's family, are available.

### PinnacleCare

As a member of PinnacleCare Connection, employees and their families have access to a health advisor who can recommend the best course of treatment.

### Dental Insurance

Employees are eligible for dental insurance on the first day of employment. Coverage is partially paid by the firm, and the balance is paid by the employee.

### Vision Insurance

Employees are eligible for vision insurance on the first day of employment. Coverage is partially paid by the firm, and the balance is paid by the employee.

### Life Insurance

Life insurance coverage begins on the first day of employment for eligible employees and is completely paid by the firm. Supplemental coverage is available to an employee and his or her spouse/children, and is fully paid by the employee on an after-tax basis.

### Long-Term Disability

Long-term disability is completely paid by the firm. It is available date of hire subject to a 180-day waiting period. Supplemental L also available for employees to purchase.

### Flexible Spending Accounts

Michael Best offers flexible spending accounts through pre-tax payroll deductions (consistent with IRS requirements). These include dependent care reimbursement, medical expense reimbursement and qualified parking and mass transit reimbursement. Eligibility begins the first day of the month following date of hire.

### Commuter Check Direct

A qualified parking and mass transit reimbursement account allows employees to pay for qualified commuter and parking expenses with pre-tax dollars.

### Retirement Plan

Michael Best strives to offer a competitive retirement plan to its employees. The firm also recognizes that no employee can control their financial retirement stability without taking steps to participate in that process individually. The firm's plan design fosters that philosophy. The retirement plan program provides for an annual firm contribution of up to 7.5% of an eligible employee's compensation into a three-part plan, which includes safe harbor, profit-sharing, and matching contributions.

### Benefits Advocacy

The Benefit Services Group, Inc. (BSG®) provides the Benefit Advocacy Program for employees who struggle with keeping track of their claims due to ongoing or severe illness. BSG works together with the employee to help make the process less confusing.





# Development and Career Opportunities

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## Mentor Program

The Michael Best Mentor Program focuses on the professional development of the firm's attorneys, engineers, scientists, and agents. The Mentor Program is designed to provide a foundation for success by pairing new attorneys, engineers, scientists, and agents with more experienced professionals. The objectives of the Mentor Program are to develop capabilities and foster personal and professional growth.

## Specialized Training Programs

Training opportunities are available to employees from day one, with specialized programs ranging from monthly patent prosecution lunches for IP practitioners to mock trial practice for litigators. And the seasoned attorneys at Michael Best are always willing to answer questions and provide support and guidance.

## ABA, State and Local Bar Membership Fees

Michael Best encourages employee involvement in the Bar and pays attorney Bar membership fees.

## Bar Exam/Bar Review Course

The firm provides reimbursement for Bar registration and the Bar review course (Bar/Bri) for employees who accept their offer before taking the Bar exam.

## Professional Association Memberships

It is important that employees become involved in professional and industry trade associations. The firm supports its employees' desires to become actively involved in these organizations, as appropriate.

## Women's Development Group

Michael Best is committed to hiring and retaining women attorneys and advancing their careers. As part of the firm's corporate commitment to diversity and its Women's Initiative, Michael Best ensures equality and representation throughout the firm. As a result, each of the firm's offices established a Women's Professional Development Group to create and expand programs and policies within the firm that support women lawyers in their professional development.



# Work-Life

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For many years, Michael Best has taken a leadership role in making the communities it serves better places to live and conduct business. Through volunteer activity and sponsorship, the firm has supported a wide variety of charitable and civic organizations. This steadfast commitment to community development is a part of the firm's culture in all offices.

## Diversity and Inclusion

Different perspectives, voices and worldviews are critical to the success of any business, and the practice of law is no different. At Michael Best, creating a more open, inclusive, and diverse culture is a primary focus of the firm and the Management Committee. The Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Diversity & Inclusion Action Committee are comprised of partners, attorneys, and associates whose work is driven by a long-term vision of fostering a diverse and inclusive working environment, which includes both inward-looking and outward-facing activities. In addition to these committees, the firm sponsors an affinity group for racially diverse and LGBT employees and their allies. The Lawyers and Engineers Advancing Diversity (LEAD) provides business development, networking, and social opportunities for its members in order to provide them with business development skills training and an internal social and support network.

The firm's commitment to diversity isn't limited to its offices. It also drives the work completed in its respective communities. Each office works closely with one or two local non-profit organization partners to develop relationships that go beyond pledging time and dollars.

## Pro Bono Opportunities

Since 1993, Michael Best has dedicated numerous hours each year to pro bono work. In fact, attorneys perform up to 50 hours of pro bono work annually, which count toward their billable hour requirements.

In addition to the firm's commitment to its communities, the firm is also committed to its employees. The following benefits provide additional support for employees and their families.

## Paid Vacation

Michael Best knows that time off is important to the well-being of employees and their families. Paid vacation is provided.

## Parental/Family Leave

The firm provides up to 14 weeks of paid parental/family leave. This can be taken following the birth or adoption of a child. All employees are eligible for this leave on the first day of employment. Additional periods of unpaid leave may be provided on a case-by-case basis.

## Privacy Rooms

To ease the transition back to work for nursing mothers a privacy room is provided at each Michael Best office.

## Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Personal problems, planning for life events, or simply managing daily life can affect an employee's work, health, and family. GuidanceResources is a no-cost benefit that is available to employees and their dependents to provide confidential support, resources and information to get through life's challenges.



# Performance & Recognition

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Performance reviews for salary adjustments are conducted each year for employees. Michael Best is committed to providing employees with regular feedback on an informal basis throughout the year.



# Compensation

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The firm takes pride in offering a competitive Total Rewards package, which includes a market-competitive base salary, bonuses awarded at specific levels of employment for exceptional service, health and welfare benefits, professional development opportunities, and other intangible benefits as described in this brochure.

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