

MICHAEL NEWMAN

General Counsel

BACKGROUND

Knowing that damage, disruption, and dislocation all too often associated with natural disasters can be reduced or even prevented, Michael Newman delivers strategies for safer and stronger homes and businesses so communities can thrive. With 15 years of experience in law and public policy, he currently serves as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) and leads its public policy engagement at federal, state, and local levels.

In 2020, Michael joined IBHS from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where he worked on a range of domestic and international policy issues related to climate change, resilience, cybersecurity, and insurance supervision. He now works with a team of scientists and risk communicators to turn IBHS research into real-world impact that enables property owners to prevent avoidable losses.

Michael informs, educates, and engages policymakers in support of policies that strengthen the resilience of housing, businesses, and communities. He also leads IBHS's engagement with affordable housing providers, developers, funders, and policymakers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

General Counsel (2022-present)
Senior Director for Law & Public Policy (2020-2022)

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection

Senior Policy Analyst (2017-2020)

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Federal Insurance Office

Senior Policy Analyst (2014-2017)

Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller

Associate (2010-2014)

Dechert LLP

Associate (2006-2010)

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law

Juris Doctorate (2006) Stone Scholar

University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts (2002) cum laude

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