



## Michael Brandner, Brandner Law Firm *Fighting the Good Fight*

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Attorney Michael Brandner won't shy from a legal battle. "I enjoy the David and Goliath cases," he said with a grin "A majority of my clients are being victimized by large national or multi-national companies, and we must fight back."

After attending Loyola University Law School in New Orleans, Michael obtained a master's degree in tax law from Boston University School of Law. Upon returning to New Orleans, his practice included insurance defense and commercial litigation. Eventually, Michael's practice focused on state and local tax litigation, wherein he represented companies ranging from small mom-and-pop companies to multi-national corporations.

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In 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Michael witnessed larger companies preying on recovering and vulnerable local businesses and individuals. "People and companies took advantage of family members, neighbors, friends and my community at a time when we needed help," he said. "I could not sit on the sidelines and watch this happen."

Michael became determined to fight back. From this determination evolved the Brandner Law Firm. Initially, the firm focused on insurance disputes representing businesses and individuals. Now, the firm has a more diverse practice representing contractors, small businesses and individuals throughout the Gulf Coast.

Having represented large multi-national companies, Michael knows an attorney cannot outspend the goliaths; therefore, he counters those resources with the perseverance to investigate his clients' claims, leaving no stone unturned. This perseverance has been successful. Recently, Michael secured a unanimous decision in the Louisiana Supreme Court that protected his client's ability to bring forth a claim. "That's the thing about being David versus Goliath," he added, "you must work harder than your opponent and you must think outside the box."

Michael brings these principles of hard work and thorough investigation to every dispute. "My goal is to advocate a client's dispute with the same determination and zeal as I would my own."

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