

# Michael Best Adds Transactional Partner Galen R. Mason

Galen R. Mason has joined Michael Best in the firm's Transactional Practice Group and Venture Best, the firm's team dedicated to matters impacting high growth entrepreneurs. He joins as a partner in the firm's Chicago office.

In a release, the firm said Mason focuses his practice on representing investors, emerging companies, founders, and management throughout all stages of the start-up lifecycle. This includes start-up formations, financings, growth stage employment, tax, intellectual property, and regulatory matters as well as exits. He also has experience with corporate structure and transactions for high-growth companies and in matters impacting companies in their later stages of growth including commercial agreements, rapid and discreet dispute resolution, and secondary transactions.

He co-founded Catapult Chicago, a nonprofit co-working space specifically designed for such entities. Mason is also a managing director of an active early stage venture capital firm.

Before making the move to Michael Best, Mason served as special counsel at Foley & Lardner LLP. Mason received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, where he was a member of the Missouri Law Review, and his B.S., cum laude, from St. Olaf College.