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Michael A. Lawlor Jr. practices in the areas of estate planning, municipal, corporate, and landlord-tenant law, with an emphasis on the intersections of these legal areas with agriculture and rural practice. He represents a broad array of rural municipalities, USDA Rural Development subsidized housing providers, small family businesses, and multimillion-dollar corporations.

Michael previously worked in Chicago at the Center for Disability and Elder Law, providing legal representation for low-income seniors and people with disabilities. After graduating from law school, he was named a fellow of the ISBA Rural Practice Initiative and worked in Macomb, Illinois, at a firm focused on agricultural real estate transactions.

Michael earned his Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, with a certificate and concentration in health care law. He also received his Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### **Primary Practice Areas**

- Business and Transactions
- Estate Planning
- Probate
- Real Estate

### **Bar Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Illinois
- Supreme Court of Missouri

### **Education & Academic Honors**

- J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- B.A., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

### **Professional Associations**

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Missouri State Bar Association
- Champaign County Bar Association

### **Legal Publications**

- “Option or Right of First Refusal: Choose Your Words Carefully When Drafting Dispositive Provisions,” Illinois State Bar Association, Agricultural Law Newsletter, Oct 1, 2024

### **Community Service & Awards**

- Illinois State Bar Association, Rural Practice Initiative, Fellow 2022
- Kott Gerontology Institute, Fellow 2021

### **Employment History**

- Lashly & Baer, P.C.  
Counsel, 2026-Present
- Silver Lake Group, Ltd.  
Associate