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Michael W. Klein is the interim executive director of the of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University. Before joining the Hughes Center, Michael served as the executive director of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU), a nonprofit advocacy organization for New Jersey's state colleges and universities, from 2012 to 2017. He served as NJASCU's director of government and legal affairs between 1998 and 2011. Upon his departure from NJASCU, he was presented with a Joint Legislative Resolution from the members of the Senate and Assembly Higher Education Committees, commending his service to public higher education in New Jersey.

Michael has published articles on higher education policy and finance, intellectual property law, entrepreneurship, collective bargaining, and the First Amendment. His articles have appeared in publications such as the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, the *Journal of Education Finance*, the *Journal of College and University Law*, *Research in Higher Education*, and the *Higher Education Forum* published by the Research Institute for Higher Education at Hiroshima University. He co-authored a chapter on New Jersey's higher education system in *Policy and Performance in American Higher Education: An Examination of Cases Across State Systems* (2009, Johns Hopkins University Press). Michael's op-eds and freelance pieces have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Newsweek*, and *Inside Higher Ed*.

Michael has made presentations before the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)/Institutional Management in Higher Education in Paris, the Oxford Education Research Symposium, the Consortium of Higher Education Researchers at the University of Cambridge, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the American Education Research Association (AERA), and the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE). He has guest lectured at institutions such as Princeton University, Rutgers University, Monmouth University, Louisiana State University, San Diego State University, the University of Massachusetts Boston, and North Carolina State University. He has been invited to attend the TIME Summit on Higher Education; *The New York Times*' Higher Ed Leaders Forum, and Schools for Tomorrow Conference; and the Lumina Foundation's convening on *Improving the Connection between Research and State Policy for Increased Attainment*.

Michael has been invited to give keynote addresses to North East Association for Institutional Research, the New Jersey Association of New Student Advocates, and the New Jersey Association for Institutional Research.

Michael was a 2003 fellow of the Higher Education Law Roundtable at the Institute for Higher Education Law & Governance at University of Houston Law Center, and he was a 2010-2011 Associate of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. Michael was a member of the Policies and Purposes Committee and the Council of State Representatives for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), and he served on the national Higher Education Government Relations Task Force.

Michael volunteers as Pro Bono Legal Counsel to the World Council of Comparative Education Societies. He is a member of the New Jersey Department of Education's Accountability Committee, and he also served on the New Jersey Council on Innovation.

Before his career in higher education, Michael served for five years in the Office of New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman between 1994 and 1998, in the positions of assistant counsel to the governor, deputy director of legislative affairs for the Department of the Treasury, and special assistant to the commissioner of Community Affairs. Michael served as legislative director to Assemblyman Leonard Lance from 1992-1993, and as an associate at the law firm of Pitney Hardin Kipp & Szuch (now Day Pitney) from 1991-1992.

Michael received a BA in history *cum laude* from Princeton University, a JD from Boston College Law School, a certificate in Professional Achievement in Nonprofit Management from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and a PhD in Higher Education Administration from New York University.