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## OVERVIEW

Mr. Sipos has been living in the Federated States of Micronesia practicing law and raising a family for the past 18 years.

Michael started his career in 1990 as a California trial attorney and product liability specialist at a large Los Angeles area law firm. He came to Pohnpei in 1998 on a planned one-year leave of absence from the U.S. to serve as the FSM Supreme Court's General Counsel. Mr. Sipos stayed on at the Court for three years, however, before making a permanent move to Micronesia re-entering private practice in 2001 and establishing his own law firm.

Before coming to the FSM, Mr. Sipos was awarded the "AV" Preeminent peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell. According to Martindale-Hubbell, "An AV rating is a significant accomplishment - a testament to the fact that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence. This rating is the highest ranking attainable by an attorney for ability and ethics in the practice of law. It is a distinction reserved for a select few in the legal community." In 2015, Mr. Sipos received the top ranking from Chambers & Partners in the General Business Law category for the Pacific Islands.



## PRACTICE AREAS

Admiralty & Maritime | Administrative, Government & Regulatory Law | Banking & Finance Law | Business & Corporate Law | Creditors Rights & Remedies | Estate Planning & Probate | Family Law | Immigration | Insurance Defense | Labor & Employment Law | Personal Injury | Workers Compensation

## INDUSTRIES

Banking & Financial Services | Insurance

## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

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Representation

- ♦ General Counsel to the Pohnpei Port Authority
- ♦ Regional Counsel to Bank of Hawaii
- ♦ Legal Counsel to the FSM Social Security Administration
- ♦ Legal Advisor to FSM National Elections Director

## ADMISSION

FSM Supreme Court, 2001

Pohnpei Supreme Court, 2002

Chuuk Supreme Court, 2004

California, 1990 (Inactive)

Florida, 1992

U.S. District Courts for Central, Southern, Eastern and Northern districts of California, 1990-93

## EDUCATION

Originally from Florida, Mr. Sipos received his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law (J.D., 1990) and graduated from the University of Florida in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology

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