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Michael J. Blankenship Ranked #1 Top DeSPAC Lawyer in North America by MergerLinks for FY 2025

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Winston & Strawn partner Michael J. Blankenship has been ranked #1 Top DeSPAC Lawyer in North America for FY 2025 by [MergerLinks](#), according to its latest league tables recognizing leading advisers in the global M&A market.

The MergerLinks rankings are based on independently verified transaction data and a transparent methodology designed to highlight the advisers responsible for the most significant and high-value deals during the year.

According to the FY 2025 results, Michael advised on 51 total transactions, including 45 valued deals, representing an aggregate transaction value of approximately £48.07 billion and an average deal size of £1.07 billion. He also led nine DeSPAC transactions totaling approximately £8.27 billion, earning him the top position in North America in that category.

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