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Michael D. Fricklas became Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Advance in April 2018. Advance is a privately held company that owns or controls businesses including Condé Nast, Advance Local (newspapers), Stage Entertainment (Live Theater), Ironman (mass participation sports), Turnitin (education technology focused on integrity) and 1010data (big data services). Advance is also among the largest shareholders in Reddit, Charter, and Warner Bros. Discovery.

From 1993 to 2017, Mike was one of the top executives at Viacom, for 19 years as EVP, General Counsel and Secretary. During Mike's tenure, Viacom's businesses included businesses such as CBS, MTV, Nickelodeon, Showtime, Paramount Pictures and Television, Simon & Schuster, and Famous Music.

Mike is a frequent speaker on media and corporate law topics.

Mr. Fricklas received a B.S.E.E. from the University of Colorado's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in 1981 and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Boston University School of Law in 1984.

After graduating from University of Colorado, Mike focused his studies on the law related to technology businesses, and started practicing in Palo Alto, California in the areas of venture capital financing, initial public offerings, and technology licensing. He later focused on mergers and acquisitions in New York and accepted a position to return to Colorado as general counsel of the North American business of a global mining concern – a firm that had been his client in New York before returning to New York to accept a position as deputy general counsel of Viacom.