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Since March, 2015, Michael Ramage has worked part-time as the Deputy General Counsel at the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) in Tallahassee, Florida. The IIR is a Florida-based nonprofit corporation specializing in criminal justice, homeland security, and juvenile justice issues including, but not limited to, information sharing initiatives, criminal justice training, and anti-gang Initiatives. The IIR works closely with the United States Departments of State, Justice and Homeland Security.

Prior to working at IIR, Mike was General Counsel of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement from 1992 until his retirement from FDLE on March 1, 2014. At the time of his retirement, he had the distinction of being the longest continually-serving Florida state agency general counsel. From 1985 to 1992, Mike was a regional legal advisor for the Tallahassee and Pensacola FDLE operations centers, and FDLE Deputy General Counsel.

Mike and his wife moved to Tallahassee in late 1985 where he joined FDLE after previously serving from 1980 to 1985 as an Assistant State Attorney under Janet Reno in Miami for five years. He worked primarily in the organized economic crimes division.

He obtained his Associate in Science, Bachelor of Arts, and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Kentucky. Over the years, he has taught and made presentations before the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Florida Association of Police Attorneys, FDLE, and other organizations. He frequently taught officer training courses including money laundering, RICO, constitutional law, and courtroom demeanor. He was a registered lobbyist for FDLE, appearing before the Florida legislature.

He previously worked as a Lexington, Kentucky felony judges' legal clerk, an attorney in a Homestead, Florida civil firm, and a Miami high school teacher. He was also an adjunct criminal law and criminal procedure instructor at Tallahassee Community College for over ten years prior to his retirement from the state.