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Since 2015, Michael Ramage has worked as the 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.

Previously, Mike was a field attorney with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and then FDLE Deputy General before being appointed FDLE General Counsel in 1992. As General Counsel he supervised an office of fourteen attorneys, was a registered FDLE legislative lobbyist, and was a part of the FDLE Command Staff. He served as FDLE General Counsel until March 1, 2014 when he retired from state service.

Before joining FDLE in November, 1985, Mike served as an Assistant State Attorney (state prosecutor) under State Attorney Janet Reno in Miami for five years. At that office he was the misdemeanor division chief, then worked primarily in the organized economic crimes felony division.

He obtained his Associate in Science, Bachelor of Arts, and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Kentucky. He and his wife, Donna, have been married since 1977. Over the years, he has taught and made presentations before the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Florida Association of Police Attorneys, the Florida Police Chiefs Association, and other venues. Course topics include general criminal law, criminal procedure, money laundering, RICO, constitutional law, courtroom demeanor courses as well as general topics such as sexual harassment and other agency management legal topics.

Prior to working as a prosecutor, he worked as Lexington, Kentucky's felony judges' law clerk, an attorney in a Homestead, Florida civil law firm, and a Miami high school teacher. He was also an adjunct community college criminal law and criminal procedure instructor for over ten years prior to his retirement from state service.