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Senator Michael Lee North Carolina General Assembly

Hon. Michael Lee has served in the North Carolina Senate since 2014, representing the Cape Fear region from 2014–2018 and again since 2021. He currently serves as Majority Leader of the North Carolina Senate, a position to which he was elected in April 2025. Senator Lee is Co-Chair of the Senate Education/Higher Education Committee and the Base Budget Committee, and serves on the Commerce and Insurance, Health Care, Judiciary, Rules and Operations committees, and Select Committee on Nominations.



Prior to his service in the Senate, Michael served on the North Carolina Board of Transportation and chaired the North Carolina State Ports Authority. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Hunt Institute and is a Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow. Michael is also a member of the Advisory Board of SouthState Bank. Previously, he served on the Education Commission of the States and the Education Committee of the Council of State Governments Southern Office. As a practicing attorney, Michael has been continually recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, named to Business North Carolina magazine's Legal Elite, and selected as a Super Lawyer by Law & Politics magazine.

Michael is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned his law degree, with honors, from Wake Forest University School of Law. He is the father of four children and has called North Carolina's Cape Fear region home for more than 24 years.