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Michael (Mike) Cairns is a partner with NEPC, LLC, in Boston, Massachusetts. His investment and benefits consulting career dates to 1988. Mike joined NEPC in January 2007. In addition to his work with clients, Mike is a part of the Diversified Manager Committee for NEPC and formerly served on the firm's Marketable Investment Committee. Prior to joining NEPC, Mike was a senior investment consultant at The Marco Consulting Group (now Segal Marco). Previously, he was an actuarial/benefits consultant on both pension and insurance/welfare plans for Milliman & Robertson, Inc. (now Milliman USA), an international actuarial firm in San Francisco, CA. Mike also spent over five years as the regional manager for Zenith Administrators, Inc., a national third-party administrator of benefit plans. Prior to his involvement in the investment/benefits arena, Mike worked in the public accounting field. He is a Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS), is a member of ISCEBS and has been a speaker at International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans conferences including the Annual Conference as well as the Investments Institute. Mike has also been a speaker for the National Coordinating Committee of Multi-Employer Plans (NCCMP). He has also sat on the NCCMP's Steering Committee. Mike received his undergraduate degree in accounting from Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois.