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OVERVIEW

Michelle represents education clients in complex litigation matters.

A litigator with a decade of experience, Michelle has handled a wide variety of commercial cases and appeals, including those involving complex contract disputes, enforcement of arbitration awards, and alleged appraisal rights and securities violations. She's particularly experienced with commercial contract disputes and disputes regarding international jurisdiction.

Michelle's current focus is the representation of colleges, universities, and other educational organizations in all stages of litigation. She handles cases involving civil rights statutes, First Amendment and other constitutional rights, Title IX, student discipline, and other education-related matters.

Michelle is delighted to work with education clients. She is deeply passionate about the educational mission. She is also married to a university educator and sees firsthand the impact colleges and universities have on students.

Michelle's own excitement for learning and service are the foundations of her career as a litigator. She enjoys investigating and analyzing complex legal issues, while working directly with her clients to identify pragmatic solutions to their real-world legal issues. Her practical mindset means that she provides answers in a way that's genuinely useful for clients and colleagues, and she crafts litigation strategies that keep the organization's overall needs front and center.

Industry

Education

Services

Commercial Litigation

Higher Education

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Experience

- Represented a global pharmaceutical company in a breach of contract case in the Southern District of New York.
- Represented a foreign client in an action to recognize and enforce an ICSID arbitral award in the District of Columbia and U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.
- Represented a commercial client in an appraisal-rights action involving issues of first impression in the Delaware Supreme Court and Court of Chancery.
- Represented a class of prisoners alleging Constitutional violations related to solitary confinement in the Western District of Virginia.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2024

Education

- J.D., Notre Dame Law School
 - *magna cum laude*
 - *Notre Dame Law Review*, Note & Submissions Editor
- B.S., University of Notre Dame
 - *summa cum laude*
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- New York
- Missouri (Temporary)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Clerkships

- Honorable Charles R. Wilson, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit