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Services

Product Liability, Personal Injury, Mass Torts / Hazardous Substances, Insurance Litigation & Coverage, Appellate,

Michelle is an associate in the firm's Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) where her practice focuses on the representation of corporate and individual clients in complex civil litigation in the areas of product liability, personal injury, insurance claims, and insurance coverage matters. Michelle represents clients in state and federal courts, including the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as in commercial arbitration.

Michelle has handled product liability and warranty cases involving medical devices, HVAC equipment, power tools, construction accidents and home-building products. She has experience handling toxic torts involving asbestos and silica. Additionally, Michelle provides general commercial litigation services for clients ranging from small businesses to large corporations, including manufacturers, distributors, construction companies and national financial institutions. Michelle handles contract disputes, fraud and deceptive trade practices claims, non-compete litigation and shareholder actions.

Michelle also has a background in labor and employment law, defending manufacturing facilities, restaurant & hotel owners, security companies, trucking companies and other local and national businesses against claims arising under federal and state employment statutes.

Michelle is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee and serves on the Recruiting Committee.

Publications

- *Mercer Law Review*: Federal Trial Practice and Procedure, Eleventh Circuit Survey (2018 – 2019)

Education

J.D., Boston College of Law, (2012)

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Syracuse University, (2009)

Licensed In

Alabama, Georgia

Admitted In

Alabama State Courts

U.S. District Court – Northern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court – Middle District of Alabama

U.S. District Court – Southern District of Alabama

Massachusetts State Courts

U.S. District Court – District of Massachusetts

State Courts of Georgia

U.S. District Court – Middle District of Georgia

U.S. District Court – Northern District of Georgia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Experience

- Represented product and system manufacturers, installers and distributors in personal injury, wrongful death and property damage matters in state and federal court proceedings.
- Defended health care providers and institutions in malpractice and wrongful death claims.
- Represented client in arbitration of personal injury and property damage claims.
- Represented financial institutions in consumer disputes alleging violations of state and federal law.
- Obtained fee award on behalf of client in defense of copyright claims.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of security services company on negligence and wantonness claims.
- Obtained dismissal of fraud claims based on forum selection clause, which was affirmed by Alabama Supreme Court.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of healthcare provider, which was affirmed by the Alabama Supreme Court.
- Defended class action lawsuits involving wage and hour disputes.
- Represented clients in various industries in non-party discovery matters.

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