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Michelle has experience in a broad range of complex commercial litigation—including securities and M&A-related litigation, antitrust, and white collar and regulatory defense matters.

Michelle’s practice spans securities, antitrust, and M&A litigation, as well as Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) compliance investigations and counseling. She has experience in various phases of litigation, from pre-complaint investigations through discovery and trial in both state and federal court.

Michelle represents public and private companies primarily in the financial services and banking sectors. She was part of the team which defended a major investment manager against allegations of antitrust and tortious interference at trial in the Delaware Court of Chancery and later simultaneously defended the same entity in the Delaware Superior Court and Southern District of New York. In addition, Michelle also assists companies with respect to potential mergers and acquisitions, serving as a member of the FCPA diligence team for various deals.

Michelle maintains an active pro bono practice, including representing individuals applying for asylum, challenging the use of ICE detainers to prolong the detention of those without U.S. citizenship in New York, and achieving a historic settlement against the Port Authority Police Department related to their alleged discriminatory policing based on sexual orientation in New York transportation facilities. Michelle also helps supervise and facilitate Winston’s involvement with the Transgender Legal Defense Fund’s Name Change Project.

During law school, Michelle interned for both the Hon. Paul G. Gardephe of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Hon. Cathy L. Waldor of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Michelle also interned at the Cybercrimes & Identity Theft Bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

Prior to law school, Michelle spent four years at the Illinois Innocence Project.

Recent Experience

Secured Settlement for Fox on Brink of Trial in High-Profile Defamation Litigation Brought by US Dominion Voting Systems

Stellex Capital Management Acquisition of Country Fresh

Stellex Capital Management's Acquisition of Go To Logistics

Credentials

EDUCATION

Michelle received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Fordham University School of Law in 2018 and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, in political science & legal studies, from the University of Illinois-Springfield in 2015,

ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York

Related Insights & News

- "Race, Crime, and the Public's Sentencing Preferences," *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Co-author, June 2022
- "Stare Decisis and the Electoral Connection: Do Retention Systems Affect Judges' Deference to Precedent?," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Co-author, Nov. 2019
- "Revisiting Roll-Off in Altered Optical Scan Precincts: Evidence from Illinois General Elections," *Election Law Journal*, Co-author, Oct. 2015

NEWS

Winston Team Wipes Out Pure Omission Liability With Unanimous Supreme Court Ruling
APRIL 15, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Bill O'Neil Speaks at the 36th Annual Tulane Corporate Law Institute
MARCH 7, 2024

SPONSORSHIP

Winston Supports the 51st Annual Securities Regulation Institute

JANUARY 22, 2024

BLOG

Seeking Clarity on *Comcast's* "Rigorous Analysis" Requirement

DECEMBER 12, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Launches Fifth Cohort of D&I Associate Sponsorship Program

OCTOBER 19, 2023

NEWS

2022 Pro Bono Impact Report

MAY 1, 2023

CLIENT SUCCESS

Winston Acts as Lead Trial Counsel for Fox News and Fox Corp. in US Dominion Voting Systems Defamation Cases, Settling Matter on Brink of Trial

APRIL 18, 2023

BLOG

Illinois Supreme Court Decision in White Castle Leaves Plaintiffs' Bar With All-You-Can-Eat Biometric Buffet

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

IN THE MEDIA

Winston & Strawn and Chamber of Digital Commerce File Amicus Brief in *SEC v. Wahi*

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Antitrust/Competition Practice Recognized in 2023 GCR 100

DECEMBER 19, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Highlights Recent Court Victories for LGBTQ+ Rights

JUNE 2, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn and Legal Aid Secure Historic Reforms to Port Authority Police Department's Discriminatory Practices That Targeted LGBTQ+ People

JUNE 1, 2022

Capabilities

- Antitrust/Competition
- Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance
- Securities, M&A & Corporate Governance Litigation
- Cryptocurrencies, Digital Assets & Blockchain Technology
- Financial Services