

Michelle Casper

Counsel



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Practices/Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Liability Defense
- Catastrophic Loss
- Construction Litigation

Education

University of Wisconsin
(B.S., 2002)
Illinois Institute of Technology
Chicago-Kent College of Law
(J.D., 2005)

Overview

Michelle is an experienced commercial and business litigator who regularly provides counsel on matters pertaining to complex commercial litigation, business disputes, and negligence issues. Bringing over 12 years of tenacity, dedication, and first-chair trial experience in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, Michelle finds creative opportunities to resolve cases and avoid costly and lengthy litigation. But when litigation is imminent, Michelle is strong to push her opponents while always maintaining integrity and honesty in the profession. Outside of her legal career, Michelle is passionate about helping other women succeed, both in the legal field and the business world. She is actively involved with the National Association of Women Business Owners, and serves as the immediate past president of the group's Columbus chapter.

Experience

- Successfully defended a venture capitalist facing fraud charges in an administrative enforcement action.
- Obtained summary judgment for a Fortune 500 company in a breach of contract commercial case, setting the standard for cases nationwide.
- Successfully barred the plaintiff's expert from testifying in a federal case, leading to the grant of summary judgment on behalf of a national Fortune 100 company in a case where the damages exceeded \$500,000.
- Obtained summary judgment for a large trucking company in a wrongful death case involving the death of a 45-year-old father with damages exceeding \$1 million.
- Successfully argued to limit the damages for a trucking company and its driver in a catastrophic wrongful death case that involved the dragging death of a pedestrian where the jury awarded \$600,000 to the estate, after the plaintiff's counsel argued that the jury should award \$5 million in damages.
- Taken and defended more than 500 depositions of plaintiffs, witnesses, high level employees and managers, doctors, and experts.

Presentations

- "Premises Liability Issues in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois," Raleigh, North Carolina (June 2019)
- "Evaluating Bodily Injuries and Damages in Tort Litigation," Sheboygan, Wisconsin (October 2018)
- "UIM and TBI Claims," Chicago, Illinois (September 2017)

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association

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Professional Affiliations (Cont)

- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (*Vice Chair, 2011-2012*)
- Indiana State Bar Association
- Lake County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- National Association of Women Business Owners Columbus Chapter (*Past President and Board Member, July 2021 -present; President, July 2020-present; President-Elect, June 2020; Vice President of Programming, 2016-2018; Programming Committee, 2014-2016; Communications Committee, 2014-2016*)

Honors & Distinctions

- Named to the Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2015-2019)
- National Association of Women Business Owners - Member of the Year (2016)

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- State of Illinois
- State of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana