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Michelle Lipkowitz focuses her practice on commercial litigation, white collar defense, and government investigations. Michelle brings a breadth of litigation experience, including traditional criminal experience, to her practice. Accordingly, Michelle has extensive experience dealing with highly sensitive matters and crisis management, including handling the press. Her practice includes handling governmental investigations, commercial real estate, shareholder disputes, consumer class actions, construction matters, products liability, and contractual disputes. In addition, Michelle has significant experience defending colleges and universities and advising educational institutions. She has extensive experience before various administrative bodies and in state and federal courts throughout Maryland and across the country. She represents clients from a broad range of industries, including pharmaceutical, manufacturing, education, financial services, healthcare, construction, technology, retail and telecommunications, as well as governmental entities and nonprofits.

SERVICES

Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Securities Litigation
White Collar and Government
Litigation
Class and Collective Actions
Real Estate Services
Consumer Financial Services
Litigation
Congressional Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Electric Utilities
Energy Transmission /
Pipelines
Manufacturing, Distribution
and Retail
Food, Beverage and
Agribusiness
Food
Beverage
Agribusiness
Higher Education
Construction
Real Estate
K-12 Schools
Independent K-12 Schools

EXPERIENCE

RECENT REPRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

- Represented a high profile client in criminal and attendant civil matters in Delaware and Maryland
- Representing corporations and individuals being investigated by or targeted for indictment by the U.S. Department of Justice
- Representing corporations and individuals being investigated by or targeted for prosecution by various federal and state agencies
- Representing manufacturer in multi-million dollar, international breach of contract matter settled via arbitration
- Representing municipality in multi-million dollar breach of contract case settled via mediation
- Representing multinational retailer in \$25 million bench trial for breach of lease resulting in partial summary judgment for the defense
- Multi-district litigation on behalf of national retail organization against builder of approximately one dozen stores in multiple states, involving approximately

\$30 million in overall construction claims, resulting in favorable judgments and subsequent settlements for client and coordinated replacement contractors and suppliers

HONORS

Named a "Local Litigation Star" in Maryland by *Benchmark Litigation*, 2020 to present

Named a "Leader in Diversity" by *The Baltimore Business Journal*, 2019

Named one of the "Most Influential Black Lawyers" by *Savoy Magazine*, 2015 and 2018

Selected for inclusion in Maryland *Super Lawyers*, 2015 to present

Named a "Leader in the Law" by *The Daily Record*, 2014

Selected to receive "The Distinguished Women's Award" from the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, 2014

Chosen as one of the "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40" by the National Bar Association and IMPACT, 2013

Fellow, ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, 2013-2015

Named to *The Daily Record's* list of "Top 100 Women in Maryland," 2013

Selected to the Rising Stars list, Maryland *Super Lawyers*, 2013, 2014

Named a "Mover and a Shaker" in *Diversity & The Bar*, November/December 2011

Named one of Maryland's "Leading Women" by *The Daily Record*, 2010

Named to the "VIP List" by *The Daily Record*, 2010

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Chair, State of Maryland Transportation Professional Services Selection Board

Member, Baltimore County Planning Board

Past Chair, Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals

Member, Character Committee, Second Appellate Circuit of Maryland

Board Member, Baltimore Urban Debate League

Board Member, Park Heights Renaissance

2014 Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

Fellow, Baltimore Bar Foundation

Trustee, Baltimore Bar Foundation

Section of Litigation, American Bar Association

- Co-chair, Diversity Subcommittee, Woman Advocate Committee
- Selected Participant, Working Group on CLEs for Diverse Counsel
- Trial Evidence Subcommittee
- Website Committee

Leadership Academy, Maryland State Bar Association

- Fellow
- Advisory Member, Academy Committee
- Executive Member, Academy Committee

Young Lawyers' Division, Maryland State Bar Association

- Section Counsel
- Co-chair, Activities Committee
- Co-chair, Resolutions Committee

Public Awareness Committee, Maryland State Bar Association

Bar Association of Baltimore City

- Member, Judicial Nominating Committee
- Member, Bench Bar Committee
- Member, Continuing Legal Education and Events Committee
- Chair, Young Lawyers' Division Public Service Committee
- Co-Chair, Sponsorship Committee
- Member, Nominating Committee

Women's Bar Association

Monumental City Bar Association

Board, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service's Casino Night Fundraiser

Maryland Interviewer, Harvard Alumni Association

Harvard Club of Maryland

Harvard University Black Alumni Association

Georgetown University Law Center Alumni Association

Form Secretary, Groton School Alumni Association

Potomac School Alumni Association

EDUCATION

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2002

- *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*

B.A., Harvard University, 1997, *cum laude*

- Dean's List
- Harvard College Scholarship
- Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Certificate of Merit
- Ford Grant Undergraduate Research Award

Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, 1993

BAR ADMISSION

Maryland

FIRM INVOLVEMENT

Diversity and Inclusion Partner

Baltimore Office Managing Partner

Vice Chair, Litigation