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Michelle Bernstein focuses her practice on complex financial products litigation, contractual disputes, commercial real estate, joint venture, partnership disputes and similar business disputes. She has extensive experience in commercial litigation, spanning various areas within both federal and state courts as well as arbitration tribunals. Michelle guides clients through all aspects of litigation, from preliminary investigations through trial and post-trial strategies, enforcement and appeals.

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2010)
 - Urban Law Journal
- New York University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2007)
 - Politics

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Memberships

- *Law360* Litigation Editorial Board, 2026
- Miami Music Project, Inc., Board of Trustees Member, 2024-Present

Recognition

Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation
- Appellate
- Real Estate Litigation
- Class Action & Multidistrict Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation

- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Commercial Litigation, 2024-2025

Matters

- Represented C-Suite Executive in dispute with private equity company regarding executive compensation. Secured resolution with seven-figure payment of vested compensation and full release from restrictive covenants.
- Represented developers in dispute with former joint venture partners in connection with the acquisition and development of a mixed-use development project in South Beach.
- Member of leadership committees in multi-district litigation pending in the Southern District of Florida in connection with the collapse of cryptocurrency exchange FTX.
- Represented developers in connection with dispute with former employer in connection with the purchase and development of a multi-family development in Boynton Beach.
- Advised and represented construction lender in connection with remedies upon default of construction loan.
- Represented PPE distributor in RICO litigation in the Southern District of Florida.
- Represented and advised high net worth family members engaged in disputes relating to complex business divorce and winding-up of family business and estate litigation.
- Successfully represented health and wellness company in securing \$14 million arbitration award in connection with breach of a long-term servicing contract and in judgment enforcement proceedings in New York.
- Represented one of the world's largest private equity firms in fraudulent conveyance litigation related to the \$1.2 billion refinancing of a Greek telecommunications company.
- Second-chaired two-week bench trial in RMBS put-back action against a major financial institution.
- Successfully defended a prominent real estate developer in litigation over the purchase and sale of air rights.
- Represented an ad hoc committee of term loan lenders in a General Motors a \$1.5 billion avoidance action.
- Represented international hotel company in successfully obtaining significant injunctive relief which barred the owner of a large New York City hotel from unilaterally terminating a long-term hotel management agreement.
- Represented lenders in foreclosing on over \$300 million of loans secured by two midtown Manhattan hotels, and in pursuing personal guaranties by borrower's principals.