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Michelle Buckley's experience in complex litigation gives her the tools to provide effective and innovative legal solutions to achieve clients' desired outcomes and goals. She brings a collaborative and strategic brand of representation to each matter, and clients value her ability to zealously advocate for them throughout the entire litigation process.

Michelle focuses her practice on business-related disputes, including complex contractual matters, construction, real estate, and product liability litigation. She currently serves as the Chair of the Construction Law Section of the Arizona State Bar.

Education

- University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., 2013)
 - Contributor to Arizona Journal of Environmental Law & Policy
- Arizona State University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2007)
 - Music Performance

Bar Admissions

- Arizona, 2013

Court Admissions

- State of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona

Memberships

- Construction Law Section of the Arizona State Bar
 - Chair of Executive Council, 2022-2023
 - Member of Executive Council, 2014 to present
- Construction Lawyers Society of America
 - Member, 2022 to present
- Animal Law Section of the Arizona State Bar
 - Executive Council, 2014-2018

Capabilities

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation
- Products Liability & Toxic & Mass Tort
- Construction
- Real Estate Litigation

Civic Involvement

- Arizona School for the Arts, Board of Directors

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in “Southwest Rising Stars” by Super Lawyers, 2023
- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in:
 - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025
 - Litigation - Construction, 2022-2025
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2021-2025
- Regional Editor, American Bar Association/AGC of America – Construction State Law Matrix, 2020
- Guest Speaker, Arizona State Bar – COVID-19 and Construction Part II: PPP Loans, Insurance Coverage and Bonding Issues, 2020

Matters

- Won motion to dismiss for design-build contractor in subrogation action seeking damages in excess of eight figures.
- Obtained summary judgment and award of attorneys’ fees for international semiconductor manufacturer in multi-million dollar property damage dispute.
- Secured defense verdict for property developer as lead counsel in a breach of contract arbitration.
- Successfully obtained TRO for national franchisor on claims of trademark infringement and misappropriation of trade secrets.
- Represented and secured favorable settlement for international real estate developer in state and federal actions involving complex business-related claims against former vendor and executives.
- Obtained summary judgment for national homebuilder in multi-million dollar construction defect arbitration.
- Successfully negotiated early settlement for policyholder in an insurance fraud and bad-faith action against selling agent, insurer and marketing company.
- Secured successful resolution of contract dispute for software developer which included a substantial payment to the client on its counterclaims.
- Won early dismissal of action to pierce the corporate veil for national financing institution.
- Negotiated favorable settlement and service agreement to resolve multi-million dollar contract dispute on behalf of global Fortune 1000 company.
- Representation of real estate investment firm in breach of contract action against vendor resulting in favorable settlement.
- Representation of automobile manufacturers in product liability and catastrophic injury actions.
- Representation of policyholders in a variety of insurance coverage claims including, property and business interruption loss and bad-faith litigation.