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OVERVIEW

Michele Barnes is a seasoned trial attorney who is a member of the firm's complex commercial litigation and disputes practice group. In addition to trying cases throughout California and the Western United States, Michele has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeals.

Michele represents manufacturers and suppliers of industrial and commercial products in a variety of business and product liability disputes, and counsels companies on risk management best practices.

Michele graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1996 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Southern California in 1993.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of San Francisco

EDUCATION

- J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law, 1996
- B.A., University of Southern California, 1993 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 23 September 2016, New Jersey Court Rules Talcum Powder Claims Not Supported by Science (*Alerts/Updates*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Mass Tort
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Prepare educational materials and provide training regarding product liability risks for large equipment manufacturer's engineers and salespeople.
- Litigation counsel for electrical heating manufacturer in catastrophic injury case.
- Litigation counsel for automobile manufacturer in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases.
- Trial counsel for boiler manufacturer in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases.
- Litigation counsel for industrial trailer truck manufacturer in catastrophic injury case.
- Litigation counsel for commercial and military ship manufacturer in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. Litigation counsel for linotype manufacturer in wrongful death case.
- Oversee national litigation strategy for major manufacturer of outdoor living products in catastrophic injury cases.
- Trial counsel for major industrial manufacturer in product liability matters.
- Develop and implement California discovery, settlement and trial strategy for major industrial equipment manufacturer for wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases.
- Counsel traffic detection and tracking company regarding California Privacy Act and limitation of liability release in end-user agreements.
- Develop and implement California discovery, settlement and trial strategy for major energy management and automation manufacturer for wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases. Lead trial counsel for major energy management and automation manufacturer for wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases.

- Litigation counsel for recreational boat manufacturer in wrongful death case alleging product liability against manufacturer.
- Trial counsel for industrial sealing manufacturer in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases.
- Litigation counsel for industrial oven manufacturer in catastrophic injury case.
- Counsel computer hardware developer on product liability risks and CPMC compliance.
- Litigation counsel for transportation and logistics company in various matters.
- Litigation counsel for residential building manufacturer in premises liability case.
- Trial counsel for marine equipment manufacturer in wrongful death and catastrophic injury matters.
- Counsel client on advertising materials.
- Develop and implement California discovery, settlement and trial strategy for major industrial equipment manufacturer for wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases. Lead trial counsel for major industrial equipment manufacturer for wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases. Appellate counsel for major industrial equipment manufacturer for wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases.
- Lead counsel for mediated dissolution of joint venture following allegations of embezzlement, securities fraud, and misappropriation of trade secrets.
- Perform due diligence for litigation funding company into toxic tort claims.
- Represented minority member and third-party witnesses in deposition and arbitration of wrongful termination matter.