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Profile

Michelle is an environmental and energy attorney whose practice focuses on matters of state and federal environmental compliance. She has experience navigating the regulatory requirements for programs concerning solid, hazardous, and universal waste; programs for stormwater discharges and SPDES permits; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' system of nationwide and individual permits; and environmental remediation under the Brownfield Cleanup Program and CERCLA. Michelle has helped to negotiate consent decrees and to complete the tasks required under administrative orders on consent.

In addition, she assists clients in preparing and enhancing environmental health and safety programs, including those required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. For instance, Michelle has experience drafting hazardous waste contingency plans, emergency action plans, evacuation plans, exposure control plans, and chemical hygiene plans.

Michelle's practice also extends into matters of land use and zoning, having worked with both municipalities and applicants on development projects. She has advised these municipal clients about the demands of the Freedom of Information Law and the Open Meetings Law as well. Furthermore, Michelle has significant experience in matters involving SEQRA and environmental impact reviews. She has assisted project applicants and reviewing agencies in complying with SEQRA's requirements.

Honors & Affiliations

- Justinian Honorary Law Society
- Order of the Coif
- Business Editor, *Syracuse Law Review*
- New York State Bar Association
- New York State Business Council
- Onondaga County Bar Association
- Central New York Women's Bar Association
- Syracuse University College of Law Dean's Scholar Award

Representative Publications

Education

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2013)
- State University of New York at Cortland (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2009)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Practices

- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- Property
- Environmental and Energy
- Hospitality and Tourism

- "Defining Waters of the United States: The Saga Continues," *New York State Wetlands Forum Newsletter*, Winter 2016
- "Obtain Financial Assistance to Install Solar and Wind Energy Systems," *Central New York Business Journal*, May 2, 2014

Other Activities

- Chair of the Air and Waste Management Association Central New York Chapter