

Michelle M. O'Brien

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Michelle is a partner in the firm's litigation department where she specializes in insurance defense and coverage matters in addition to commercial litigation. Michelle has handled professional liability matters with an emphasis on legal malpractice and ethics grievances based upon underlying actions in several areas of practice and subject matters. In addition to various insurance companies and corporations, Michelle also frequently represents small businesses as well as governmental entities in a variety of litigation matters.

Michelle O'Brien is a 2008 graduate of King's College, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where she received a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in Political Science and Spanish. During college, Michelle served as a legal intern for a boutique personal injury firm in Pennsylvania. Thereafter, Michelle attended Seton Hall University School of Law as a part-time evening student, while working at the Purcell firm as a law clerk.

EDUCATION

Seton Hall University
School of Law (J.D.)
King's College (B.A.)
Graduate of the Brennan-Vanderbilt
American Inn of Court

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Practice, Automobile
Liability, Bad Faith Litigation,
Breach of Contract Claims,
Commercial Litigation, General
Liability, Governmental Law,
Insurance Coverage, Insurance
Litigation, Labor and Employment
Law, Professional Liability Defense,
Personal Injury, Property and
Casualty, Public Entity Law

ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
New York
U.S. District Court for the District of
New Jersey

During her time at Seton Hall, Michelle served as a Clinic Attorney in the Civil Litigation Clinic of the Law School's Center for Social Justice. After law school, Michelle served as law clerk to the Honorable Heidi-Willis Currier, J.S.C., in the Middlesex County vicinage of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division.

Prior to re-joining the Purcell firm, in 2016, Michelle was an associate at prominent Morris County firm Graham Curtin where she dedicated her practice to professional liability defense, commercial litigation and insurance and personal injury defense.

Michelle is the Secretary-Treasurer and active member of the New Jersey Defense Association. In 2016, the NJDA honored Michelle as its Young Lawyer of the Year, an award which is presented annually to an attorney age 40 or less (or with less than 10 years of experience) who has made substantial contributions to the NJDA and the legal community by means of participation in NJDA sponsored events; seminar presentations; publication of legal articles; performance of charitable works and/or pro bono representation.

Michelle is also a Trustee of the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey and a member of the Middlesex County Bar Association where she dedicates her time to community-oriented as well as bar and association activities, at both the county and state level.

Michelle is the recipient of the MCBA's prestigious 2021 Young Lawyer of the Year Award and was recognized at the MCBA's Practice Area Awards Event.

