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About Michele

A seasoned attorney, Michele manages high-profile litigation for Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 corporate clients. She has two decades of experience handling oil and gas, commercial, toxic tort, and other litigation, including areas of first impression, regulatory matters, and contractual disputes. She is ready to tackle litigation at every stage, including from early resolution through trial and appeal, to achieve the client's goal.

Drawing on her deep knowledge of Louisiana regulatory law, Michele also addresses renewable energy and related environmental issues in a state that is quickly becoming a national model for energy innovation.

Michele also has experience in jurisdictions beyond Louisiana state and federal courts and has frequently collaborated with top attorneys nationwide as part of integrated, multi-firm counsel teams.

Michele's Affiliations

- New Orleans Bar Association, Environmental and Toxic Torts Committee, Chair, 2018 – 2020
- The Defense Research Institute (DRI), Federal Legislative Liaison Pilot Tracking Team, Former Lead Liaison; Technology Committee, Newsletter Co-Chair/Editor; Women in the Law Subcommittee
- Women's Energy Network, South Louisiana Chapter (WEN-SLA), President, 2018; Vice President, 2017; Sponsorship Director, 2017
- Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter

Areas of Focus

Industries: Energy & Environment; Government

Services: Environmental ; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Resolved a trial-set personal injury matter in federal court involving a serious injury at a petroleum facility at very favorable terms for the defendant client before significant costs were expended

Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rating
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2012 – 2020

Credentials

Education

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, JD, 2005

Florida State University, BS, *honors*, 2002

Bar Admissions

Louisiana

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

US District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

US District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

Interests

Did you know...

In her free time, Michele loves to explore new destinations, particularly when her family is with her. She is always planning the next trip!

Community/Civic Activities

- Michele regularly supports the local food bank, humane society, and her children's school.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Michele is a highly regarded presenter on a diverse range of topics, including the latest environmental, social, and governance (ESG) legislation and the complexities of Medicare regulations.

A selection of some of her recent presentations includes:

- Co-Presenter, “2025 Energy Law: One Big Beautiful Update,” New Orleans Bar Association (NOBA) CLE, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 28, 2025
- Panelist, “Effective Use of Experts – Before and During Trial,” Masters of the Courtroom CLE, New Orleans Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 12, 2024
- Co-Presenter, “Wake Up America’ by Miley Cyrus – Carbon Capture and Sequestration in Louisiana,” Hinshaw University, CLE Webinar, June 12, 2024
- Moderator, “Environmental Law & Practice 2020,” New Orleans Bar Association’s Procrastinators’ Programs CLE, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 17, 2019
- Co-Presenter, “Litigation in the Coastal Zone,” 29th Annual Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 22, 2019
- Panelist, “Gulf Coast Litigation Impacting the Energy Industry,” Seventh Annual Energy Forum, National Bar Association’s 93rd Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 1, 2018

Publications

Michele extensively covers contemporary government issues, including regulatory matters, environmental reform, and elections.

A selection of some of her publications includes:

- “[Agency Decision Making and Secret Science](#),” *DRI For the Defense*, June 2021
- “A Roundup of Technology Trends for Attorneys,” *DRI The Voice*, March 6, 2013

Events

- Colleen Jarrott and Michele Hale DeShazo Headline NOBA Energy Law CLE, Aug 28, 2025
- Colleen Jarrott and Michele Hale DeShazo to Lead Discussion on Maximizing Expert Witness Impact at NOBA’s Masters of the Courtroom, Dec 12, 2024

In The News

- Michele DeShazo Analyzes Permanent Injunction Ruling Against the Biden Administration’s Civil Rights Act-based “Disparate Impact” Environmental Policy Regulations, Sep 3, 2024
- Michele Hale DeShazo Discusses DC Circuit Decision to Reject Emergency Block Requests Against EPA Mercury and Air Toxic Standards (MATS) Rule, Aug 28, 2024

Press Release

- Experienced Litigator Michele Hale DeShazo Joins Hinshaw in New Orleans, Jan 22, 2024