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Michele is Special Counsel in the firm's Casualty Department, where she focuses her practice in defense of clients in civil litigation matters including premises liability, motor vehicle accidents and general liability claims.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Michele was a partner and leader of an insurance defense practice group at a boutique New York City law firm. She handled a wide range of premises liability and automobile accident matters, representing clients through all phases of litigation, including trial, settlement negotiations and mediation, while also supervising and mentoring associates.

In addition to her legal practice, Michele is the founding director of the Liamuiga Oualie Arts Foundation (LOAF), a nonprofit organization that provides academic scholarships to underserved students in St. Kitts and Nevis through arts and cultural fundraising initiatives.

She earned her LL.M. from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and her LL.B. from the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill Campus). She is a member of the Caribbean American Lawyers Association.

Michele is admitted to practice in the State of New York and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts.”

Education

- Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University (LL.M., 2005)
- University of the West Indies (LL.B., 1994)

Admissions

- New York, 2006
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, 2006
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 2006

Practices

- Premises & Retail Liability
- General Liability
- Automobile Liability

Associations & Memberships

- Caribbean American Lawyers Association

Representative Cases & Matters

- *United Valerio v. New York City Transit Authority and Corey Keaton*, Index No. 522724/2022. Case settled after jury was empaneled and the Plaintiff's witnesses had testified.
- *Jessica Colomer v. The New York City Transit Authority, et al.*, Index No. 518833/2022. Major exposure case brought by Plaintiff who was struck by a moving Bus. Case was settled on the morning of jury selection.
- *Kirk Prince v. New York City Transit Authority, et al.*, Index No. 520558/2022. Major exposure case brought by Plaintiff whose vehicle was struck by a van owned by Defendants that Plaintiff claimed ran a red light. Case settled days prior to the scheduled trial date.
- *Tiffany Murray v. Darren Owens, et al.*, Index No. 154354/2018. Moved for summary judgment on the issue of liability and the Court granted the motion and held that the emergency doctrine absolved Defendants of liability.
- *Carlos M. Azuero v. New York City Transit Authority, et al.*, Index No. 159817/2017. Appeared as second chair at this damages only trial. Plaintiff moved to set aside the jury verdict. Michele drafted and filed opposition papers to that motion, and the Supreme Court in New York County denied the motion.

Legal Certifications

- Legal Education Certificate issued by Norman Manley Law School in Kingston, Jamaica