



Representative Legal Matters

Michelle Hartmann

- Representing Audit Committee of a publicly-traded drilling company in confidential whistleblower matter.
- Representing a publicly-traded specialty store in confidential whistleblower investigation and resulting executive termination.
- Representing a private transmission company in regulatory matters and confidential employment advice.
- Representing a publicly-traded craft store in litigation involving indemnification disputes.
- Representing a private energy company in multiple workplace employment investigations.
- Representing airline in putative class action related to EU 261 claim.
- Representing specialty company in putative class action related to gift cards.
- Representing four consolidated putative security class actions brought under the Securities & Exchange Act.
- Representing start-up clean energy company in federal litigation related to fuel cell canister servicing dispute.
- Representing portfolio for hotel management company in federal litigation related to Internet servicing and trade secret dispute. Successful summary judgment in federal court and affirmed at the First Circuit.
- Representing publicly-traded software company in Rule 202 proceeding and follow-on non-compete litigation.
- Represented publicly-traded craft store in putative class action related to data breach. Obtained favorable dismissal in federal district court and affirmance in Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining the Firm, Michelle handled the following matters:

- Represented a Special Committee of the board of a publicly-traded energy company relating to FCPA issues.
- Represented Audit Committee of a publicly-traded energy company in a multi-country FCPA-related investigation.

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- Represented publicly-traded telecommunications company in confidential workplace employment investigation.
- Represented global healthcare company in trade secret misappropriation litigation trial. Obtained TRO and preliminary injunction protecting company.
- Represented publicly-traded craft store in four consolidated putative class actions related to data breach. Obtained favorable dismissal at the pleading stage.
- Represented publicly-traded software company in multi-state non-compete litigation trial. Defeated TRO and obtained favorable settlement.
- Represented publicly-traded airline in lawsuits brought in state and federal court against the two largest global distribution systems for antitrust violations under state and federal laws, tort claims and breach of contract claims related to airline's new distribution vision, Direct Connect. Negotiated an extremely favorable settlement of the state court matter following voir dire and six days of trial.
- Represented publicly-traded gaming company in California class action filed against Chuck-E-Cheese for alleged illegal gambling.
- Represented private insurance brokerage firm in lawsuits pending in New York and California involving allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets and aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty related to the departure of a group of 60 Aon employees for Alliant.
- Represented publicly-traded oil and gas company in state and federal derivative actions involving FCPA issues. Obtained favorable, no-money settlement.
- Represented insurance brokerage company in numerous cases pending in the Stanford multi-district litigation against claims under the Texas Security Act and Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Represented jewelry store in class actions brought under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Successfully sought dismissal at the pleading stage and obtained affirmance from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.
- Represented publicly-traded telephone directory company successfully defeating TRO by competitor in yellow book industry filed in Oklahoma, and successful negotiation with states' attorneys general.
- Represented global credit brand in state court consumer class actions filed in Florida, Texas, Illinois, California, Arkansas, and Arizona. Argued and defeated class certification in Arizona, Texas, California and Florida cases, and assisted in negotiating a favorable global settlement of cases.
- Represented publicly-traded healthcare company in successfully enforcing two-year non-competition agreement following four-day trial to prevent former president of an industrial bank from commencing employment with a competitor.
- Represented telephone company (in Texas, Boston, and before arbitration panel) in several matters involving non-compete, breach of contract and defamation actions.

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- Represented insurance brokerage firm for multi-district litigation involving non-competition covenants, alleged misappropriation of trade secrets and purported tortious interference.
- Represented publicly-traded healthcare company in multi-district litigation case involving more than 24 class action cases in multiple states.
- Represented publicly-traded airline in putative class action brought by the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.
- Represented portfolio company in several trade secret misappropriation and restrictive covenant matters. Successful results affirmed by the Dallas Court of Appeal.
- Represented portfolio company in confidential arbitration raising breach of contract and defamation.
- Represented portfolio company of private equity firm in converting involuntary proceedings brought in the Cayman Islands by a syndicate of lenders to a chapter 11 voluntary matter. Negotiated settlement following representation of litigation in restructuring proceeding.
- Represented portfolio companies in internal investigation that led to successful injunction against whistleblower and ultimate dismissal of two separate class action complaints alleging breach of contract and torts related to distribution of telephone directories.
- Represented publicly-traded marketing company in a California consumer class action under section 17200 involving direct mail marketing.