



Representative Legal Matters

Michelle Hartmann

Michelle has advised in multiple industries, including, among others, the retail, energy, transportation, and insurance industries. A sampling of some of her matters are as follows:

- Representing a publicly-traded drilling company as indemnity counsel and lead coordinating counsel in multiple investigations and ongoing litigation arising from same.
- Representing a private energy company in multiple workplace employment investigations.
- Representing a publicly-traded telecommunications company in confidential workplace employment investigation.
- The Michaels Companies, Inc. (Texas) -- DOJ v. The Michaels Companies, Inc. - Lead counsel in Consumer Product Safety Act matter in federal court. Favorable settlement following dismissal of multiple claims.
- The Michaels Companies, Inc. (New Jersey) -- JEM v. The Michaels Companies, Inc. - Lead counsel in breach of contract and warranty dispute in federal court. Favorable settlement following grant of client's summary judgment motion.
- American Airlines, Inc. (Illinois) - Wippman v. American Airlines, Inc. - Lead counsel in putative class action related to EU 261 claim. Successful dismissal of class action, with prejudice.
- Sally Beauty, Inc. (California) - Kidd v. Sally Beauty, Inc. - Lead counsel in putative class action related to gift cards. Successful dismissal.
- Bloom Energy (Texas) - Unicat Services, Inc. v. Bloom Energy - Lead trial counsel in federal litigation related to fuel cell canister servicing dispute.
- Seawind, Inc. and AMResorts, L.P. (Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Jamaica) - Copia Communications v. Seawind, Inc. and AMResorts, L.P. - Lead trial counsel in federal litigation related to Internet servicing and trade secret dispute. Successful summary judgment in federal court and affirmed at the First Circuit.
- Intel (Texas) - Intel v. Christopher Bray - Lead trial counsel in Rule 202 proceeding and follow-on non-compete litigation.
- Grifols, Inc. (North Carolina) - Grifols Inc. v. Ken McNish - Trial counsel for global healthcare company in trade secret misappropriation litigation. Obtained TRO and preliminary injunction protecting company.
- Michaels Stores, Inc. (Illinois) - Moyer v. Michaels Stores, Inc. - Lead counsel in four consolidated putative class actions related to data breach. Obtained favorable dismissal at the pleading stage.

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- Michaels Stores, Inc. (New York) - Whalen v. Michaels Stores, Inc. - Lead counsel in putative class action related to data breach. Obtained favorable dismissal in federal district court and affirmance in Second Circuit court of appeals.
- McAfee, Inc. (Massachusetts, California) - John Giamatteo v. AVG Technologies USA, Inc. - Trial counsel in multi-state non-compete litigation. Defeated TRO and obtained favorable settlement.
- The Options Clearing Corp. (Texas) - Buckley v. The Options Clearing Corp. - Lead counsel in putative wage and hour class action. Obtained favorable settlement and dismissal.
- American Airlines, Inc. (Texas) - American Airlines, Inc. v. Sabre Travel Network and American Airlines, Inc. v. Travelport - Trial counsel for American 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 American's new distribution vision, Direct Connect. Negotiated an extremely favorable settlement of the state court matter following voir dire and six days of trial.
- CEC Entertainment, Inc. (California) - Denise Keller v. CEC Entertainment, Inc. - Litigation counsel in California class action filed against Chuck-E-Cheese for alleged illegal gambling.
- Willis Group Holdings (Texas, Florida, Colorado) - In re Stanford Litigation - Litigation counsel for 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.
- Zale Corporation (Texas) - In re Zale Corporation Securities Litig. - Litigation counsel for Zale 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.
- MasterCard International Incorporated - In re Currency Conversion Antitrust Litigation - Litigation counsel for MasterCard 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.
- kgb/USA - Jingle Networks v. InfoNXX, Inc. - Litigation counsel for kgb (in Texas, Boston, and before arbitration panel) in several matters involving non-compete, breach of contract and defamation actions.
- American Airlines - Woodall v. American Airlines, Inc. - Lead trial counsel for American in putative class action brought by the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.
- J.C. Flowers & Co. (Delaware, Canada, Cayman Islands) - In re HCH Delaware L.P. - Trial counsel for 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.