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Overview

Michelle focuses her practice on commercial real estate finance transactions. She represents financial institutions and nonprofit organizations in a wide range of complex real estate financing matters throughout the United States. Michelle has experience advising on a variety of financing structures, including permanent, construction and acquisition loans secured by commercial properties.

Michelle has extensive experience simultaneously leading multiple transactions through all stages of the lending process, from structuring the term sheet, coordinating with clients and any third party involved, drafting and negotiating the loan documents and efficiently closing each transaction to the satisfaction of all parties. In addition, she conducts due diligence reviews, including title, survey, zoning, organization and UCC matters.

Prior to joining Benesch, Michelle was an associate at a prominent New Jersey law firm.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, 2020, J.D.
 - Member of the Seton Hall Law Review
- University of Maryland, 2017, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey

Awards & Recognition

- Super Lawyers – Rising Stars: Real Estate, Banking (2026)

News & Insights

- Randy S. Eckers and Michelle Gitlen Mentioned in Crain's New York People on the Move
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