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OVERVIEW

Michelle Coburn is a litigator with more than 30 years of experience. She represents construction companies, product manufacturers, premises owners and trucking companies in the defense of large personal injury matters. She also has experience representing tavern owners in liquor liability and has extensive experience defending general negligence claims for insurance companies.

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Michelle has served as both lead and associate trial counsel in jury and non-jury trials and has handled more than 175 arbitrations in federal and state court.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a property insurance company for claims of coverage and bad faith under the "hidden decay"/collapse coverage on the policy

Negotiated the dismissal of an action, without cost to the client-manufacturer, of a flammable fabrics matter involving burns to a child

Negotiated successful resolution of a dram shop action involving the death of a pedestrian with an alleged blood alcohol content more than three times the legal limit following a significant investigation into the laboratory and science behind the blood alcohol content

PRACTICES

Bad Faith and Extracontractual Liability
Construction and Surety
Litigation
Product Liability

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey

EDUCATION

Rutgers University School of Law, JD,
summa cum laude, 1991
Trenton State College, BS, 1988



Obtained a successful verdict in the defense of a large convenience store against allegations that a store manager sexually assaulted a young boy during a frisk for shoplifting

Obtained summary judgment in favor of international clothing manufacturer in a flammable fabrics case in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Negotiated favorable settlement on behalf of national shoe and boot manufacturer defending electric hazard rated work boots when decedent stepped on a downed power line and was electrocuted

IN THE NEWS

Coverage College Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary
9.22.16

The Ninth Annual Coverage College Features True-to-Life Case Study
10.8.15

EVENTS

Beyond the Nuts and Bolts: Why Coverage is Always Under Construction in Construction Defect Claims
White and Williams Coverage College, 10.26.17

If You Build It, They Will Come...Claims That Is
White and Williams Coverage College, 9.22.16

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