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Michelle McCliman has over 20 years of experience as a litigation attorney and counseling clients in matters involving trade secrets, trademark, copyrights, unfair competition, business torts, employment, defamation, as well as general commercial litigation. She has successfully represented clients in both Federal and State courts, court-ordered settlement conferences, arbitration, and mediation.

Ms. McCliman vigorously represents clients by implementing creative, cost-conscious solutions to conflict resolution, including alternate dispute resolution forums such as mediation and arbitration. Ms. McCliman's impressive talents both as a seasoned counselor and aggressive litigator provide her clients with a full range of legal services. Ms. McCliman's considerable combination of experience and skill provides her with the tools to assist her clients in avoiding potential exposure to litigation and provide a strong defense with speedy resolution strategies should litigation become unavoidable. Ms. McCliman has extensive experience in preparing and implementing proprietary information protection plans, and drafting agreements to protect or license any company's proprietary information.

She is adept at resolving her particular client issues within the framework of that client's needs. Ms. McCliman is available to provide expert witness services in litigation matters, as well as act as a mediator or arbitrator in several areas of law. She has been a speaker and author in the areas of trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, employment, and business law.

Ms. McCliman also taught courses in intellectual property, contracts, and civil trials and evidence for the paralegal program at Coastline Community College. In addition, Ms. McCliman taught intellectual property courses in the Business Department at Saddleback College.

While in law school, Ms. McCliman distinguished herself as an editor of the U.C. Davis Law Review and as a participant of the Lefkowitz Moot Court Team. In college, Ms. McCliman was a member of the field hockey team at U.C. Berkeley. She also played on the U.S. Women's Junior Olympic field hockey team at the Junior Olympics, and was later invited to try out for the U.S. Women's National field hockey team. As a lifelong team sport athlete, Ms. McCliman has a well-developed ability to work in concert towards a goal with determination.

Ms. McCliman is admitted to practice before all State and Federal courts in the State of California, including the Court of Appeals.

When not practicing law, Ms. McCliman plays soccer, cycles, hikes, and enjoys reading.



