



Michelle Akerman

Partner

Michelle represents owners, general contractors, lenders, and subcontractors in all manner of construction-related disputes. Her experience includes contract negotiation, claim preparation and evaluation, and prosecution and defense of contractor claims from pre-litigation through trial. She represents clients before state courts, federal courts, and arbitration tribunals, and has resolved numerous complicated construction disputes at mediation. Michelle's practice has particular emphasis on private commercial and mass residential construction projects.

Michelle is a top rated litigation attorney in San Francisco, and has been named a "Northern California Super Lawyer" by San Francisco magazine from 2015 through 2019.

Publications

"San Francisco Imposes Quarantine on Travelers and Commuters from Outside the Bay Area with Two Exceptions for Construction Workers," co-author, Construction Alert (January 2021)

"Business Realities in the Age of COVID-19," co-author, Seniors Housing Business (June 2020)

"Bay Area Counties Issue New Orders Permitting Construction to Resume with Conditions," co-author, Construction Law Alert (May 2020)

"New Orders from 6 Bay Area Counties Require Face Coverings to be Worn During Work in Most Circumstances," co-author, Government + Construction Law Alert (April 2020)

"Bay Area Counties Further Restrict Construction, Extend Shelter-in-Place Orders Until May 3, 2020," co-author, Construction Law Alert (April 2020)

"Governor Newsom's 'Stay at Home' Order Allows Construction to Continue, but Many Cities and Counties are Banning Most Construction," co-author, Construction + Government Law Alert (March 2020)

"Important Shelter-in-Place Exceptions for Some Construction Activities," co-author, Construction Law Alert (March 2020)

Note, *Brown v. United States, the Paquete Habana, and the Executive*, 60

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Presentations

"Mechanic's Liens," panelist, NorCal Women in Commercial Leasing Law Symposium (November 2018)

"Project Teams: You Just Don't Get It," moderator, California Women in Design + Construction (September 2017)

Press

"Bay Area Construction Resumes Today With Stringent Safety Rules," GlobeSt.com (May 2020)

Honors & Awards

Top Rated Business Litigation Attorney, SuperLawyers (2014-2019)

Professional Affiliations

The Bar Association of San Francisco's Justice & Diversity Center, Board of Directors

Bar Association of San Francisco

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law (2009)

B.A., University of California, Davis (2004)

Admissions and Courts

California