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Michelle was born and raised in Quincy, Illinois. In 1996, she graduated, with honors, from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She attended Tulane University School of Law and received her *Juris Doctor* degree in 1999. She began her legal career with the Office of the Public Defender, First Judicial Circuit, in Pensacola, Florida, in 1999, where she practiced until joining Vernis & Bowling in 2001. Michelle was awarded an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, which identifies attorneys with preeminent legal ability and is a reflection of expertise, experience, integrity and overall professional excellence. She is recognized in Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers in America. Michelle has also been awarded an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by the Judiciary.

Michelle is the Managing Attorney for Vernis & Bowling of Northwest, Florida, P.A. She has over two decades of trial experience and handles a variety of cases, including automobile liability, trucking and transportation, hurricane, first and third property claims, premises liability (including negligent security and slip and fall), labor and employment, construction defect, director and officer liability, product liability, and wrongful death. Michelle has tried over 50 jury trials in both federal and state court and has conducted countless depositions and argued a wide range of motions. Michelle's most talked about trial continues to be a lawsuit where she successfully defended Hanes regarding a claim of defective manufacturing of a package of men's briefs. The plaintiff claimed that the briefs gaped open during normal wear and caused personal injury, ruining his dream Hawaiian vacation.

Michelle is a member of the Florida Bar, the Alabama Bar, and the Escambia/Santa Rosa Bar Association. She is admitted to practice in all Florida and Alabama State Courts, the Northern and Middle Districts of Florida, the Southern and Middle Districts of Alabama, and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Outside of the office, Michelle enjoys traveling, boating, scuba diving, and snow skiing with her husband of over 30 years.

VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS

Matt Goins as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jadon Clay Goins v. Etheridge Property Management, Inc. and Oscar Martin, Jr.

Kyong Song v. Charles T. Melburn

Mitchell v. Childress and Walley Electric Company

Morgan Holland v. Joseph Lennon and Jennifer Lennon

Stand-Up MRI of Tallahassee v Allstate (Appeal)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Automobile Liability (PIP/PD/BI/UM)

Civil Litigation

Condominium and Homeowners' Association Litigation

Construction and Construction Defect Litigation

Cyber Security

Director & Officer Liability (D&O)

Employment Law/Employment Litigation

First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims

General Liability Defense Litigation

Hurricane Claims

Liability Defense

Medical Malpractice

Negligent Security

Nursing Home Litigation

PIP/Personal Injury Protection Litigation

Premises Liability

SIU/Suspicious & Fraudulent Claims

Trucking

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability
Wrongful Death

BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar
Alabama Bar
Florida Supreme Court (includes all Florida State Courts)
Alabama Supreme Court (includes all Alabama State Courts)
U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Florida
U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of
Alabama
11th Circuit Court Of Appeals

EDUCATION

Graduate:

Tulane University School of Law, J.D., 1999

Undergraduate:

University of Southern Mississippi, B.A. Degree in English, 1996