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Professional Experience

Michele Ellison is spearheading the newest Gibbs Giden office in San Jose, where she practices and represents clients in the areas of business, commercial and construction litigation. Ms. Ellison has experience representing general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers and public agencies in a wide range of business, commercial and construction negotiations and disputes. Her primary emphasis is in construction litigation for both public and private projects involving delay and disruption claims, mechanics lien foreclosure and stop notice enforcement actions. Ms. Ellison participates in legal matters throughout the entire course of the case, from the initial pleading stage, discovery, law and motion work, case management and motion hearings, pre-trial preparation and through trial, and has obtained favorable settlements and results. In the commercial practice area, she has experience in securing preliminary remedies, specifically, writs of attachment, and enforcing judgments. Ms. Ellison also has experience with contractors licensing issues, including home improvement contract and licensure requirements.

Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation

- Commercial Law
- Construction Law

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D.), Malibu, CA, 2014
 - *Cum laude*
 - Dean's List
 - CALI *Excellence for the Future Award*: Federal Income Taxation of Business Entities – 2014, Advanced Legal Research – 2014, Community Property – 2013, Entertainment Law – 2013, Business Planning – 2012
 - Certificates: Palmer Center for Entrepreneurship and the Law
- University of California, Davis (B.A., Political Science, Philosophy), Davis, CA, 2011
 - Achievements: Integrated Studies Honors Program

Bar Admissions

- California Bar No. 301889

Professional Memberships

- State Bar of California Santa Clara County Bar Association
- Associated General Contractors of California, Legal Advisory Committee Member

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, Los Angeles County Bar Association Title Insurance Sub-Section (January, 2021) Topic: The Nuts and Bolts of e-Recording
- Speaker, Big Creek's 6th Annual Contractor's Conference (January, 2020) Topic: The Nuts and Bolts of the Preliminary Notice and California Statutory Remedies

Publications

- Update Author, Acret's California Construction Law Manual ☐ Contractors Edition ☐ 2018, 2019 Editions (BNi Publications 2018).
- Update Author, California Construction Law 18th Edition and 2019 Supplement, Wolters Kluwer 2019.

- Richard J. Wittbrodt, Sara H. Kornblatt & Michele A. Ellison, "Applying *Lydig* to the Requirements for Requesting a Writ of Attachment," *Los Angeles Lawyer*, April 2016.

Honors & Awards

- The US Legal 500, Recommended Lawyer, United States, 2021