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BAR MEMBERSHIP

Florida Bar No.: 0055476

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Michele McCaul Ricca is a partner with the firm. She graduated from St. Thomas University with a BBA in Management in 1992. Thereafter, she attended the University of Miami School of Law, where she obtained her JD, cum laude, in 1995. While in law school, she was a member of the University of Miami Business Law Journal.

Michele has practiced primarily in the area of insurance defense litigation. Ms. Ricca began her legal career as an attorney with the law firm of Cooney, Haliczzer, Mattson, Lance, Blackburn, Pettis & Richards, P.A., which, in 1996, became Cooney, Mattson, Lance, Blackburn, Richards & O'Connor, P.A. In March of 2006, Michele was also appointed as a Civil Infraction Hearing Officer for Broward County and she served in that capacity until June of 2012. After the dissolution of her previous firm in December of 2009, Ms. Ricca became a partner of Boyd Richards Parker & Colonnelli, P.L. in January of 2010.

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Michele's practice has focused on general liability and automobile insurance coverage, and personal injury defense (automobile negligence and premises liability). A portion of her practice also includes the defense of non-personal injury matters such as property damage claims, defamation claims, breach of contract claims and statutory violations. She handles all aspects of the claims, from pre-suit examinations under oath through litigation, discovery, mediation, and trial. During her career, Ms. Ricca has been involved in cases where she has represented governmental entities such as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), School Boards, Charter Schools, and Department of Children and Family Services entities.

Michele works on matters for all of the firm's clients, but her practice is focused on representing Philadelphia Insurance Companies, Progressive Insurance Companies, Mercury Insurance Companies, and Nationwide Insurance Companies.

The majority of Michele's practice involves the representation of insurers and/or their insureds, with a small percentage of her practice devoted to the representation of Plaintiffs.

Michele was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1995, and is also admitted to Florida's Southern and Middle District Federal Courts.

ADMISSIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Michele has been a member of the Florida Bar since 1995 and is also admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She is currently a member of the Broward County Bar Association, Broward County Women Lawyers Association, Florida Association for Women Lawyers/Mattie Belle Davis Society, Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Defense Research Institute, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, the American Bar Association, The Weston Bar Association, and The Federalist Society.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Secured appellate court's reversal of trial court's order denying Motion for Juror Interview, due to juror non-disclosure during voir dire, in personal injury litigation arising from motor vehicle accident. *Barrios v. Locastro*, 166 So.3d 863 (Fla. 4th DCA 2015).

Successfully obtained appellate court's affirmance of directed verdict for defendant Homeowners' Association in premises liability action. *Schwartz v. Schulman and L'Ambiance HOA*, 84 So.3d 1269 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012).