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Having grown up in Saskatchewan, Michele graduated with her B.Sc. from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas in 1987. She returned to Saskatchewan and obtained her LL.B. from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in 1992. After clerking to the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, she began her articles and then worked as an associate at McCarthy Tetrault in Calgary, Alberta. In 2001, Michele joined the firm of Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP, where she became a partner in 2004 and received her Queen's Counsel designation in 2008.

Michele has a varied civil and commercial litigation practice, with a focus on employment law. She works primarily in the areas of wrongful dismissal, constructive dismissal, duties of departing employees including restrictive covenants and confidential information. She also works with clients to draft employment contracts and policies and termination

packages. The remainder of Michele's practice includes general contract and tort litigation, shareholder disputes, product liability and debtor-creditor work. Michele has extensive courtroom experience before all levels of Alberta Courts and particularly enjoys trial work.

Michele is an ardent volunteer, particularly within the legal community. She has been heavily involved in the Canadian Bar Association since her articling days, including serving as the CBA Alberta Branch President in 2007. She has worked on many provincial and national CBA Committees, including the National Membership and Communication Committees, the Alberta Editorial Committee and various organizing committees for national and branch meetings. In 2010, she received the CBA Louis St. Laurent Award for service to the organization.

Michele frequently presents on legal topics relating to civil procedure and advocacy for the provincial and national CBA and for the Legal Education Society of Alberta, including working as a Guest Instructor and Team Leader at the LESA Intensive Trial Advocacy Course. Currently, her other volunteer work includes serving on the Board of Directors of ASSIST, the Alberta Lawyers' Assistance Program, the University of Saskatchewan College of Law 100th Anniversary Centennial Committee and on the Calgary Stampede

Michele enjoys, at a perpetually mediocre level, squash, golf, swimming, yoga, cycling and running. Her twin daughters now live and work in Toronto. Michele has two large dogs that, although they are good company and a financial drain, have not successfully replaced her children so she is a frequent visitor to Toronto.