



## Michele Leo Hintson

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Michele Leo Hintson is a seasoned business litigator who dedicates her practice to representing businesses, insurance companies, health care organizations and individuals in all aspects of the dispute resolution process, including, performing pre-suit investigations and risk management analysis, attending mediation sessions, drafting pleadings, motions, and briefs, conducting depositions, and advocating for clients at hearings, trials, and arbitrations. Michele also frequently negotiates presuit and postsuit settlements on behalf of her clients, as she believes in the value of avoiding judicial intervention if that is the best course. In addition, Michele regularly advises clients on a variety of issues outside of the litigation context, including, employment concerns, construction matters, and contractual obligations.

Michele has over a decade of experience handling a wide variety of commercial disputes, including those involving payment and performance bonds, employment agreements, shareholder agreements, non-compete and non-disclosure agreements, construction defects, products liability, license agreements, premises liability, promissory note and mortgage defaults, and general collection matters.

While attending Stetson University College of Law, Michele served on the Moot Court Board.

Michele is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator and is available to mediate circuit court disputes throughout Florida.

### Honors

- Florida Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Florida Legal Elite by *Florida Trend* magazine, 2015

### Professional and Community Affiliations

- PACE Center for Girls Pasco, Board of Directors (2015-2016)

### Industries

Construction  
Insurance Coverage  
Healthcare  
Banking and Financial Institutions  
Manufacturing

### Practices

Commercial Litigation  
Labor and Employment  
Fidelity, Surety and Specialty  
Bonds  
Construction  
Federal Court Litigation  
Litigation  
Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Assistant

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### Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Stetson University  
College of Law, 2002  
B.A., University of Central Florida,  
1995

### Bar and Court Admissions

Florida, 2002  
United States Supreme Court,  
2008  
United States District Court Middle  
District of Florida, 2003  
United States Court of Appeals  
Eleventh Circuit, 2003

- Pasco Economic Development Council Growth Task Force, Vice-Chair (2015-2016)
- Leadership Pasco, Class of 2013
- The Junior League of Tampa, Chair, Community Advisory Board of the Leadership Council (2014-2015); Board of Directors Grants Committee Chair (2012-2013); Board of Directors, Legal Chair (2010-2011); Board of Directors, Public Affairs Chair (2009-2010),
- The Florida Bar's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B," member and Chair (2012-2015)
- The Florida Bar's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee "A," former member and Chair (2006-2012)
- Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council, former member
- First Annual Stetson University College of Law Scholarship Gala, former Co-Chair
- Clearwater Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, former Treasurer
- Humane Society of Pinellas County, former Board Member

## News Releases

- Shumaker Hosts Pride Scholarship Reception
- Michele Leo Hintson Appointed Vice-Chair of Pasco EDC's Growth Task Force
- Michele Leo Hintson Appointed to Board of PACE Center for Girls - Pasco
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Attorneys Named Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite 2015
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Attorneys Named 2015 Florida Super Lawyers and 2015 Florida Rising Stars
- Michele Leo Hintson and Brian Lambert Speak at CSI, Inc. Tampa Chapter Meeting
- Michele Leo Hintson Becomes Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- Michele Leo Hintson Named Chair of Community Advisory Board of the Leadership Council of Junior League of Tampa
- Michele Leo Hintson Named Vice-Chair of The Florida Bar Grievance Committee
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Attorneys named 2014 Florida Super Lawyers and 2014 Florida Rising Stars
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP and Stetson Law Celebrate Diversity in the Legal Community on October 22, 2013
- Michele Leo Hintson Graduates From Leadership Pasco
- Michele Leo Hintson Presented at the October West Pasco Dental Association Meeting
- Michele Leo Hintson Accepted to Leadership Pasco
- Michele Leo Hintson Appointed to the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Tampa
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Attorneys Named 2011 Florida Super Lawyers and 2011 Florida Rising Stars
- Michele Leo Hintson Appointed Assistant Chair of Grants Committee for the Junior League of Tampa
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Announces New Partners
- Michele Leo Hintson Selected to Serve as Chair of the Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee "A"
- Michele Leo Hintson Selected to Serve on the 2010-2011 Junior League of Tampa Board Of Directors
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Attorneys to Speak at 21st Annual Northeast Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference
- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Attorneys Named 2010 Florida Super Lawyers and 2010 Florida Rising Stars
- Michele Leo Hintson and Brian R. Lambert to Present at the 2010 Southern Surety Conference

## Publications

- Growing Pasco Leaders, a publication of the Leadership Pasco program
- "Something Old, Something New: The Availability of 'Sentimental Value' Damages in Courts Throughout the United States." Co-Author, NASP Subrogator®

## Events and Presentations

- Tampa Employment Law Update: Winter 2015
- "Payment and Performance Surety Bonds in Construction Projects: Perspectives of Owners, Contractors and Sureties"
- Employment Law Update: For Executives, Managers, Business Owners and Human Resources Professionals
- "Key Practice Pointers and Pitfalls When Pursuing Motions for Summary Judgment for Indemnity," 2010 Northeast Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Bringing an Indemnity Claim Against a Principal – Current Key Practice Pointers and Possible Pitfalls," 2010 Southern Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference, Charleston, South Carolina
- "Reading the Chart: Who is Disabled & What Accommodations are Required?" Co-Presenter, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP
- "The Advent of the Breach of Good Faith and Fair Dealing Claim Since the Preclusion of Sureties from the Definition of 'Insurer' in Florida's Bad Faith Statute," 2009 Southern Surety Conference
- "Winning Your First Civil Trial," National Business Institute Seminar
- "Ethics: What All Legal Support Staff Should Know," IPE Institute for Paralegal Education Seminar