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Overview

Michele is a member of the Planning and Public Law team. She focuses on negotiating and drafting planning and highways agreements, town center regeneration and redevelopment schemes, urban extensions, compulsory purchase orders, road closure orders, highways issues, judicial review, public inquiry work and enforcement issues

Experience

Michele has advised the Bedfordshire councils in relation to infrastructure agreements at Biggleswade, Stotfold and Marston Moretaine. Michele has acted for a major supermarket in relation to the company's redevelopment proposals at Maidenhead, Marlow, Wycombe and Brighton. She was seconded to West Northamptonshire Development Corporation to provide in-house legal support, and acted for the corporation on a number of large-scale housing regeneration projects, as well as on their planning obligations strategy for the adoption of a standard charge approach to planning obligations. Michele has advised local planning authorities on the Earls Court redevelopment and Alconbury Weald projects (in relation to strategic urban extensions). She is also advising on the CPO for Eastbourne town center redevelopment for the council, as well on the planning agreement for Enderby Wharf for RB Greenwich.

Recognition

- Michele is recognised as a "Star Associate" by *Chambers* 2020 and a "Rising Star" by *The Legal 500* 2020.
- Michele is recognised as an "Associate to watch" in *Chambers UK* 2017.
- She is, "well versed in planning law and has advised on a number of the practice's significant cases. She regularly assists with urban extension projects, including cases involving CPOs. She is known by clients to be 'an excellent technical adviser' with a 'really good client-friendly manner'." *Chambers UK* 2017
- Michele is also recognised in *Legal 500* as providing "cutting-edge strategic advice".

Insights

- Author, "Striking a balance in CPOs," March 4, 2016

Areas of focus

Practices

- Development Zoning and Planning
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Public Law
- Real Estate

Industry sectors

- Government
- Government Agencies
- Retail
- State, Regional, Provincial, Municipal and Local Government Bodies

Education

- The College of Law, 1998
- University of Hertfordshire, 1997

Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2000