

Michelle Chen

Associate

Michelle Chen focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and government investigations. She has represented clients in federal and state courts, at both the trial and appellate levels, and in arbitration and mediation proceedings. Michelle has represented both corporate and individual clients in investigations before the Department of Justice, Congress, federal government agencies, and state Attorneys General.

Michelle's civil litigation practice covers a broad range of substantive areas, including contract disputes, securities law, products liability, and False Claims Act litigation. In her criminal defense and government investigations practice, she has defended clients against allegations of healthcare fraud, wire fraud, antitrust violations, and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Her clients span the financial services, professional services, healthcare, and technology industries.

Michelle received her Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, where she briefed and argued a federal sentencing appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She served as an Executive Editor for the *Michigan Law Review*. Michelle clerked for Judge Ronald Lee Gilman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and worked at a major New York law firm, before joining Williams & Connolly in 2015.

Representative Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Michelle's experience includes:

- Representing a major pharmacy benefits manager in putative class actions and state and federal investigations regarding drug pricing
- Successfully representing a global pharmaceutical company in a multimillion dollar commercial arbitration in New York
- Defending a major biotechnology company in an industry-wide DOJ healthcare fraud investigation
- Representing a specialty pharmacy in *qui tam* litigation involving allegations under the Anti-Kickback Statute, which resulted in dismissal
- Defending a French national in an FCPA investigation involving contracts in Central Asia



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Education

University of Michigan Law School,
J.D., cum laude, 2013: Executive
Editor, Michigan Law Review
Princeton University, A.B., magna cum
laude, 2009

Admissions

New York
District of Columbia
United States Court of Appeals for the
Sixth Circuit
United States District Courts for the
Southern District of New York and
the Western District of Tennessee

Government Service

Legal Intern, United States Attorney's
Office for the Southern District of
New York, Summer 2011

Languages

Chinese (Mandarin)
French

- Representing a global financial institution in connection with a retrial on loss causation issues in a multibillion dollar securities fraud class action
- Serving as lead counsel in securing asylum for pro bono client escaping persecution from Zimbabwe