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Michelle is a partner in Gibson Dunn's London office and co-chairs the firm's Global Financial Regulatory Group. With in excess of 20 years experience, she advises firms across the spectrum of financial institutions (banks, asset managers, private markets, corporate finance), payments firms, fintechs and cryptoasset businesses.

Michelle has extensive experience advising fintech and digital asset businesses on regulatory perimeter issues and seeking authorisation, including under the UK cryptoasset regime and MiCA. Her recent work includes tokenised bonds, stablecoins and AI-enabled consumer finance products.

She also works with the firm's Corporate, Private Equity and Capital Markets teams on the regulatory aspects of deals, in particular investments in regulated firms. She also advises on the regulatory aspects of EMIR, UK EMIR, SFTR and the UK/EU securitisation regimes, and on how bank and insurer investors treat a product for prudential purposes.

For investment managers, private equity, credit and hedge fund managers, private wealth managers and corporate finance firms, Michelle advises on their ongoing regulatory obligations: setting up and marketing funds, conflicts, systems and controls, financial crime and client due diligence, the Senior Managers & Certification Regime and board governance.

Michelle has acted as a skilled person under section 166 of the Financial Services and Markets Act and has led internal reviews of governance and controls. She also advises firms on their dealings with the FCA, including on enforcement and on surrendering permissions.

Capabilities

Financial Regulatory
ESG: Risk, Litigation, and Reporting
Financial Institutions
Fintech and Digital Assets
Investment Funds

Credentials

Education

City University London - 2001 Bar Vocational Course

University of Birmingham - 2000 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Admissions

England & Wales - Solicitor

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