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- Environmental & Toxic Tort
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OVERVIEW

Cecily J. McLeod is Senior Counsel and has a diverse national litigation practice. She handles every phase of litigation from case investigation to litigating bench and jury trials and filing and responding to appeals. She has successfully argued motions and litigated trials in both state and federal court. Cecily has substantive experience in all types of dispute resolution forums including mediation, state, federal and international arbitration, and state, federal, and international litigation.

Her employment practice centers on assisting corporate entities with all aspects of employment-related business operations, including the creation and implementation of policies and procedures; training for staff and supervisors; administrative investigations; mediation; litigation; trial; and appeal.

In addition to her focus on commercial litigation and employment counseling and litigation, Cecily also

has experience in a broad range of legal subject matter including product liability, environmental & toxic tort litigation, and professional liability litigation. Her environmental litigation experience includes defending sanitation services companies and product manufacturers and designers as counsel in the defense of personal injury lawsuits involving products and tort claims and professional negligence lawsuits. She has successfully mediated environmental litigation matters by securing low settlement under settlement parameters and successfully litigated environmental/professional liability litigation by winning several summary judgment motions and multiple appeals to the Georgia Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Georgia.

Cecily formerly served as a Contract Compliance Officer for the City of Atlanta's Office of Compliance, a position of appointment from the Mayor's Office. She is a founding member and former Chairwoman of the World Affairs Council of Atlanta Young Leaders. She is a loving wife and mother of a four-year-old boy and a one-year-old boy.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Representative Experience

- Represented plaintiff clients in litigation stemming from construction supplier agreements.
- Counsel employer clients regarding compliance with state and federal laws governing employment issues.
- Represent defendant clients in federal litigation arising from injuries occurring in or around jobsite buildings and machinery.
- Advise clients on the procurement of government contracts and the qualification for government set-aside certifications.
- Represented sports agency in dispute with a former agent employee.
- Represented doctor practice in dispute with a former practice member.
- Represented insurance companies in disputes against insured and reinsurers.
- Represented reinsurance companies and advised on policy coverage in various international aviation matters.
- Defended banking clients in various consumer lawsuits involving Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Business Practices Act, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.
- Represented creditor clients in bankruptcy matters.
- Represented creditor clients in obtaining millions of dollars in judgments.
- Assisted clients with various housing authority and real estate disputes.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, Do You Know Where That's Been?' If You're Selling to the Federal Government, You Better, GRSM Commercial Litigation Law Update, July 2011

- Co-Author, SBA Implements New Set-Aside Rule for Women-Owned Small Businesses to Facilitate Government Contracts, GRSM Business Transactions Law Update, June 2011

PRESENTATIONS

- Keynote Speaker, 2014 Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference, November 2014
- Teaming Strategies, 5th Annual ASBCC / USWCC National Small Business Contracting Summit, Southeast, February 2014

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Georgia
- Washington D.C.
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Memberships

- GRSM Diversity Committee, Member
- World Affairs Council Of Atlanta Young Leaders
 - Founding Board Member
 - Chairwoman, 2013-2014
- Leadership Buckhead Graduate
- Atlantik-Brücke Transatlantic Young Leader Alumni
- Georgia Association Of Black Women Attorneys
 - Historian, 2013
 - Co-Director of Student Programs, 2012
- State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyer Division
 - Board, 2009-2010
 - Graduate of Leadership Academy, 2011
- University of Florida Law Alumni Council Membership Chairwoman, 2019-Present
- The Lola Professional Club for Women, 2019-Present
- The Cherokee Town and Country Club, 2018-Present

Community Involvement

- International Rescue Committee, Atlanta
 - Former Advisory Board

- Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia
 - Co-Chair, National Moot Court Competition, Region V
- Grady High School Mock Trial Team
 - Coach, State Champion and Top 10 National Teams, 2010-2012
- World Affairs Council of Atlanta Young Leaders
 - Former Programming Co-Chair
- World Affairs Council of Atlanta
 - Steering Committee Member, 2015-Present
- Trinh Huynh “Be Excellent” Memorial Scholarship
 - Chairwoman, 2017-Present
 - Bocce Ball Scholarship Tournament Director, 2017-Present

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, The University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law, 2006
 - Student Commencement Speaker, Fall 2006
 - *Journal of Law & Public Policy*, Managing Editor
 - Mock Trial Team Executive Board, President
 - Florida Blue Key
- Study Abroad, Oxford University, Summer (2006)
- B.A., *with honors*, Political Science, The University of Florida, 2002
 - Minor in Business Administration
 - Certificate in International Business
 - Student Alumni Association Commencement Speaker
 - Outstanding Student Leader Finalist
 - Dean’s List
- Study Abroad, Institute for American Universities, Aix-en-Provence, France, Summer, 2002

Honors

- Living The Dream Award Recipient (2014)