

**Michelle E. Hernandez**

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**Practice Areas**

- Business and Corporate
- Nonprofit
- Real Estate

**Overview**

Michelle Hernandez is a member of the firm’s Business and Corporate, Nonprofit, and Real Estate practice groups. She advises clients on various aspects of each, including:

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Nonprofit formation and applications for tax-exempt status
- Commercial Real Estate transactions
- Commercial contract and lease review
- Corporate and Nonprofit operational matters for small businesses, foundations, and start-up companies
- Private securities offerings
- Incentive compensation plans
- Corporate conversions and restructurings

While attending law school, Michelle was a student honors intern with the *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*, a legal intern with the Energy and Telecommunications Team of the *San Francisco City Attorney’s Office*, and a legal intern with *the Clorox Company’s* international in-house legal team located in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Further, she was a student associate with the *U.C. Hastings Startup Legal Garage*, a program which assists local entrepreneurs with the formation and operation of start-up companies.

She also served as a submissions editor for the *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review* and a

research assistant for Professor Joel Paul, contributing to the research for his most recent book, “*Without Precedent: Chief Justice John Marshall and His Times.*” As a member of moot court, Michelle received an honorable mention award for best brief.

Michelle is fluent in English and Spanish.

## Professional & Community Affiliations

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, Alameda County Bar Association, 2018-present
- Member, Association of Latino Professionals for America, 2017-present
- Volunteer, Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program, 2017-present
- Board Member, Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, 2019-present

## Recognition

- Recipient, *CALI Excellence for the Future Award – International Trade Law and Policy*
- Recipient, *Recognition for Outstanding Achievement in Pro Bono*

## Bar Admissions

- California

## Languages

- Spanish

## Education

- **J.D.**, University of California, Hastings College of Law, 2017
- **B.A.**, University of California, San Diego, 2011

## Recent Articles/News

- [Relief for Small Businesses Under the CARES Act, April 8, 2020](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2020 “Best Law Firms”](#)
- [Donahue Fitzgerald Ranked in Top Tier of 2019 “Best Law Firms”](#)
- [Associates Michelle E. Hernandez and Priscilla N. Hatton Join Donahue Fitzgerald](#)

## **Recent Speaking Engagements**

- January 23, 2020, Corporate and Privacy Compliance for Nonprofits , Oakland, CA