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Michelle Akinsiku Hayde serves the firm's clients by working in a number of practice groups including commercial litigation, medical malpractice, toxic torts and insurance defense. She has spent her career working exclusively in litigation, both on the public and private side. Prior to joining a law firm, Michelle was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri, practicing in the Litigation Division. This diverse background has allowed her to handle a wide variety of matters involving construction, employment and a range of business issues.

EDUCATION:

- ◆ Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2006
 - Award for Distinction in Public Service
- ◆ University of Florida - Gainesville, B.S., *cum laude* 2002
 - Presidential Minority Scholar
 - Florida Academic Scholar

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- ◆ Missouri Bar
- ◆ Illinois State Bar Association
- ◆ Mound City Bar Association

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- ◆ United States Court of Appeals
 - Eighth Circuit
- ◆ United States District Courts
 - Eastern District of Missouri
 - Southern District of Illinois
- ◆ Missouri
- ◆ Illinois