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Michele G. Johnson's diverse commercial litigation practice encompasses the areas of intellectual property and products liability. Ms. Johnson's products liability practice is focused in the areas of pharmaceutical and premises liability litigation. Ms. Johnson has specialized experience in the areas of internet and computer law, cyber law, domain name disputes, internet trespass, digital rights management (DRM), the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and civil liability for online content.

In her career, Ms. Johnson has actively participated in cases involving claims of trade dress, copyright and trademark infringement, internet trespass, misappropriation of trade secrets and defamation in both state and federal court. In addition, Ms. Johnson has experience in the resolution of domain name disputes under the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) adopted by ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers).

Representative Experience

- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A.
Attorney, September 2003 to October 2008
- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A., Tampa, FL
Summer Associate, Summer 2002
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Washington, D.C.
Summer Intern, Summer 2001
- United States Air Force Reserve
Captain, 2000-present
- United States Air Force
Captain, 1995-2000

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property
Cyber Law
Products Liability
Professional Malpractice
Personal Injury Litigation

Industries

Sports, Entertainment
and Gaming
Technology and E-
Commerce

Education

J.D., University of Notre
Dame Law School, 2003
B.S., United States Air
Force Academy, 1995

Bar Admissions

Florida

Active trial participation in the following matter:

- HI Limited Partnership v. Winghouse of Fla., Inc., 347 F.Supp.2d 1256 (M.D. Fla. 2004)

Member of trial team in the following matter:

- Nautical Solutions Marketing, Inc., v. Boats.Com, No. 8:02-CV-760-T-23TGW (M.D. Fla. April 1, 2004)

Presentations and Publications

Presentations

- "Chinese Toxic Products from Toys to Pet Foods to Drywall," Co-Author by Nava Ben-Avraham, Terry Ford, Jeffrey James, Michele Johnson and Petra Justice. Presented by Frank H. Gassler at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Hot Springs, Virginia, July 2009.
- "Identity Theft and Fraud," Speaker, National M.S. Society, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, February 20, 2008
- "Using the Right Tool for the Right Job: A Products Liability Litigation Toolkit," Co-Moderator, ABA Section of Litigation Products Liability Committee, Eighth Annual Women in Products Liability Regional CLE Workshop, October 4, 2007
- "Who is Liable For Speech in Cyberspace?," Author and Discussion Moderator, Online Discussion, ABA Litigation Committee on Intellectual Property, sponsored by Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A., May 16, 2007

Publications

- "Tainted and Defective Now What? An Overview of Chinese Product Litigation" Co authored with Frank H. Gassler, Nava Ben-Avraham, Terry S. Ford, Jeffrey M. James and Petra Justice in the FDCC Quarterly.
- "How to be An Effective and Efficient Local Counsel," Author, American Bar Association Section of Litigation Products Liability Committee, Young Lawyers Subcommittee, July 2006

Court Admissions

Florida State Courts

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Section of Litigation; Products Liability Committee; Intellectual Property Litigation Committee
- American Intellectual Property Law Association: Electronic and Computer Law Committee; Trademark, Internet/Cyberspace Law Committee
- Defense Research Institute: Lawyers' Professionalism and Ethics Committee
- The Florida Bar
- Lawyers for Civil Justice
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Trial Lawyers section; Intellectual Property section; Technology section
- Orange County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- The Tampa Connection: Blue Team Member of the Year, 2009

Distinctions

Super Lawyers, Florida Rising Stars, 2010-2011