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Michelle M. Kohut, a Chicago personal injury trial lawyer, joined the law firm of Corboy & Demetrio in 2004 and practices in all areas of personal injury law, including cases arising from automobile collisions, medical malpractice, construction negligence, premises liability, product liability and railroad negligence.

She has tried many personal injury cases to verdict and has obtained numerous multi-million dollar settlements. After two days of trial, Michelle secured a \$5 million settlement where a hospital and doctor delayed the delivery of a baby, resulting in severe brain damage. Where a roofing foreman fell through a hole in a roof, fracturing his heel, she secured a settlement of \$2 million on behalf of her client. She also settled a lawsuit against a hospital for \$1 million when an emergency room patient was not properly treated or diagnosed.

Michelle is very active in local and national bar associations, including the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, where she serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors and is Chair of the Political Action Committee. She was recently elected President of Women Everywhere - Partners in Service Project, Inc., a community service project which seeks to open doors to women and children in need and to expose high school girls to challenging careers in the legal profession. Michelle has also served on the Board of Directors of Heartland International Health Center, which is dedicated to improving the health of persons living in several communities of Chicago by providing affordable, quality, multilingual, and culturally competent health services.

Practice Areas

- Construction Negligence
- Medical Negligence
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Railroad Negligence & FELA
- Vehicular Negligence

Education

- Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, IL, J.D., 2002
- Institute for Paralegal Studies, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, Certificate in Paralegal Studies, 1997
- Loyola University, Chicago, IL, B.A., 1996

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois, 2002
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2002

In 2007, in recognition of her success, hard work and community involvement, she was named one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company. She was also honored with the designation of *Illinois Super Lawyer, Rising Star* in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

A graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Michelle was a Judicial Law Clerk to William D. Maddux, Presiding Judge of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, prior to joining Corboy & Demetrio.

News

- Women Everywhere - Project in Service, Inc. Receives Donation from Illinois Judges Foundation (February 2010)
- Attorney Michelle Kohut Elected President of Women Everywhere - Partners in Service Project, Inc. (October 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio - The Leader in Aviation Litigation
- Corboy & Demetrio - Leaders in Bridge and Structural Collapse and Defect Litigation
- Michelle Kohut, Corboy & Demetrio Trial Lawyer, Elected Treasurer of Women's Bar Association of Illinois (March 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio Chicago Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Named to Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Profiled in Law Bulletin's Women In Law 2008 (January 2009)
- Michelle Kohut Elected to Board of Directors of Heartland International Health Center (December 2008)
- Corboy & Demetrio Named One of Chicago's Top Law Firms (August 2008)
- Michelle M. Kohut Admitted to United States Supreme Court (June 2008)
- All Twelve Partners at Corboy & Demetrio Recognized as 2008 Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2008)
- Michelle M. Kohut Featured in 2007 Edition of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" (August 2007)
- C&D Named One of Chicago's Top Law Firms, 2007 (August 2007)
- \$2 Million Settlement for Roofer Who Fractured Heel Secured by Shawn Kasserman and Michelle Kohut (July 2007)
- \$1.25 Million Settlement for Family of Child who Suffered Stroke Prior to Birth (June 2007)
- Michelle M. Kohut Appointed to Two Boards of Directors (April 2007)

Honors

- "40 Under Forty Illinois Attorneys to Watch," 2007
- Illinois Super Lawyer, Rising Star, 2008, 2009, 2010

- Chicago Bar Association, Judicial Evaluation Committee, Investigator
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois, Treasurer
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois, Board of Directors
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois, WilPower, Chair

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (ABA)
- American Association for Justice, formerly known as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA)
- Chicago Bar Association (CBA), Judicial Evaluation Committee, Investigator, 2005-Present; Student Trial Advocacy Competition 2007, Chicago Regional, Scoring Judge
- Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA),
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)
- Trial Lawyers for Public Justice
- U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society
- WilPower, Political Action Committee of WBAI, Chair, 2008-Present
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBAI), Treasurer, 2009-Present, Board of Directors, 2007-Present; Civil Litigation Committee, Co-Chair, 2005-2007; Nominating Committee, 2007

Community Involvement

- Women Everywhere - Partners in Service, Inc., President, 2009-Present; Board of Directors, 2007-Present; Planning Committee, 2005-2007
- Heartland International Health Center, Board of Directors, 2008-2009

Seminars & Speeches

- Seminar Planner and Moderator, "Challenges Faced by Single Women and Mothers in Search of Affordable, Quality Housing," Women's Bar Association of Illinois, 2008
- "Presenting an Effective Case from Start to Finish," Third Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference, Illinois State Bar Association, 2007
- Judge, Chicago Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Chicago Bar Association, 2007
- "Judicial Internships," Judicial Internship Opportunity Program, American Bar Association, 2004
- Judge, Student Trial Advocacy Competition, American Association for Justice, 2005