Michelle D. Bach

Workers' Compensation Department Chair

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Michelle Bach concentrates her practice in the area of Workers' Compensation defense. She is recognized as a Certified Specialist in Workers' Compensation Law by the Ohio State Bar Association.

Michelle represents state funded and self-insured businesses and public entities. She has attended thousands of hearings before the Industrial Commission of Ohio. She is also a skilled and experienced litigator. She has handled many bench and jury trials in various Courts of Common Pleas throughout Ohio. Michelle also handles actions pending in the Court of Appeals and before the Supreme Court of Ohio. She routinely advises clients regarding how to control Workers' Compensation costs.

Michelle has been selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® in the practice area of Workers' Compensation – Employers, every year since 2012 and received Ohio Super Lawyers® recognition from 2015-2024. Michelle also received the South Metro Regional Safety Council Speaker of the Year Award for 2018-2019.

Recent Speeches

- February 25, 2026 – Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio
  "When are Workers' Compensation Claims Compensable? A Guide for Employers"
- December 3, 2025 – Greene County Safety Council
  "Top 10 Plays to Reduce Your Workers' Compensation Costs"
- November 5, 2025 – Beavercreek Schools
  " When are Workers' Compensation Claims Compensable and How to Play Good Defense"
- October 29, 2025 – Wright State University
  "When are Workers' Compensation Claims Compensable? A Guide for Employers"
- September 18, 2025 – South Metro Safety Council
  "Into the Deep-Navigating the Involuntary Abandonment Doctrine"
- May 8, 2025 – Coolidge Wall Labor and Employment Seminar
  "Into the Deep-Navigating the Involuntary Abandonment Doctrine"
- February 5, 2025 – Highland-Fayette-Clinton Safety Council
  "How to Play Good Defense"

Community Involvement

- Board Member, South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Steering Committee and former President, South Metro Safety Council
- Executive Committee Challenge Member, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk

Practice Areas

Workers' Compensation Defense

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
  J.D. - 1995
  Honors: cum laude
- Miami University
  B.A. - 1992
  Honors: magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

Ohio, 1995

Professional Involvement

- Ohio State Bar Association (Workers' Compensation Sub-Committee)
- Dayton Bar Association (Workers' Compensation Sub-Committee)

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