

# Michelle Neville-Clarke

## Overview

Michelle is a Partner in the firm's Banking and Finance, Corporate and Commercial, Investment Funds, Private Client Groups. She has considerable experience in the areas of investment funds, securities law, corporate and commercial matters, banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, employment law, immigration, probate, private client and wealth management matters.

Michelle has written numerous articles and is frequently asked to present at both local and international conferences on her areas of expertise and is ranked by both the International Financial Law Review and Chambers Global. She recently spoke at the 'Advising your Latin American Families in a Transparent World' conference in Miami, and 'The Bahamas Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Conference' in Grand Bahama.

Michelle routinely works with both international and local clientele ranging from large financial institutions and international law firms to private individual clients and works closely with the various regulators in The Bahamas.

Michelle was a director of the Bahamas Financial Services Board for the period 2006 - 2010 and again commencing 2017. Michelle serves on the committees for investment funds, securities, foundations and ease of doing business and immigration, and most recently for the Fintech Working Group, playing an integral part in the review of proposed legislation.

Michelle was also the recipient of the Financial Services Development & Promotional award for her contribution to the development of the Investment Condominium and the Ministers Award for outstanding support to the sustainability of the sector.

## Examples of recent work

- Transactions in her Funds practice, extending to private equity, real estate and hedge funds. Advising both managers and multinational institutional clients on setting up new funds and the preparation of constitutive documents and offering materials. The complex restructuring of onshore and offshore master feeder funds
- The listing of entities on Bahamas International Stock Exchange
- Representation before the Securities Commission Disciplinary Panel
- Advising of regulatory requirements for the establishment of businesses owned by non Bahamians in The Bahamas
- Establishment of financial institutions and advice generally on compliance and corporate governance requirements
- Advice to multi-jurisdictional companies on the offering of investments and security advice in the Bahamas
- Advising global banking institutions on local banking and securities regulatory issues
- Advising on acquisition of banking business of an established financial institution in the Bahamas
- Advice generally on corporate matters, restructuring transaction, Shareholder Agreements and representation of minority shareholders
- Advising individuals on immigration matters surrounding their entry into the Bahamas and relocation to the Bahamas



## Practice Areas

- Banking & Financial Services
- Corporate & Commercial
- Investment Funds
- Private Client
- Corporate Services

# Recommendations

Michelle is ranked as a leading lawyer for The Bahamas by **Chambers Global**, **The Legal 500 Caribbean** and the **IFLR 1000**.

Michelle Neville-Clarke is "**technically competent, passionate about the law and goes above and beyond the call of duty.**" She handles commercial transactions, financing and securities matters, with notable investment funds experience. (**Chambers Global 2020**)

*Michelle Neville-Clarke has a broad practice which touches on matters in banking and finance, M&A, investment funds and securities. One source cited her as an "excellent" attorney with a "good reputation".* (**Chambers Global 2020**)

*Michelle Neville-Clarke has an all-encompassing non-contentious practice, covering banking and finance, M&A, investment funds and employment matters. Market commentators describe her as a "thorough and tenacious individual."* (**Chambers Global 2019**)

*Michelle Neville-Clarke's practice covers a range of work, including banking and finance, corporate law, M&A, investment funds and employment. She is regarded as a "very good funds lawyer" by market sources.* (**Chambers Global 2018**)

## Background & Qualifications

Michelle studied Law at the University of Kingston Upon Thames where she graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (with Honours) in 1998 and attended the Inns of Court School of Law where she passed the Bar Vocational Course with a Very Competent in 1999. Michelle was called to both the Bar of England and Wales and the Bahamas Bar in 1999.