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Committed to delivering personal, cost-effective counsel, Michele H. Dinterman (formerly Michele F. Hayes) strives to ensure her clients understand all the legal options available to them and crafts practical strategies designed to obtain the best possible result.

Representing clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts, mediations and arbitrations across the country, Michele defends professional liability, construction defects and premises liability cases; litigates insurance coverage matters; and provides counsel in Representations & Warranty (W&I) claims and coverage disputes. Her clientele includes Lloyd's syndicates; engineering, architecture, construction and insurance firms and professionals; and self-insured hospitality providers, including hotels and vacation rental companies.

Michele recently defended a prominent engineering firm against statutory claims in excess of \$400,000 by arguing the deficiencies of the case on appeal. The resolution, after extensive oral arguments, not only successfully defeated the claim but protected her client's reputation and positioned them for continued success.

Committed to delivering personal, cost-effective counsel, Michele strives to ensure her clients understand all the legal options available to them and crafts practical strategies designed to obtain the best possible result. Michele previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable Yolanda Tanner of the Circuit Court for Baltimore, Maryland.

Michele currently serves on the firm's Women's Committee and Marketing Committee and is active in the Law Firm Alliance.

Bar Admissions

Maryland
District of Columbia
North Carolina
Pennsylvania
U.S. Supreme Court

Education

J.D., University of Maryland School of Law, 2015
B.A. in Psychology and Sociology, University of Maryland, 2012

Related Practice Areas

Business & Commercial
Construction Defects
First Party Property
Insurance
Insurer Bad Faith
Litigation
Professional Liability
Reinsurance and Excess Lines
Representations & Warranties

Associations

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Baltimore City
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Young Lawyers Steering Committee
- Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.
- Maryland State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section

Accolades

- 2025 The Daily Record and the Maryland State Bar Association Leader in Law Generation J.D. Honoree
- 2024 The Daily Record Leading Women Under 40 Honoree
- 2023 DRI Young Lawyers Committee Unsung Hero Award
- 2023, 2024, and 2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America recognition for Insurance Law
- Maryland *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star List in Civil Litigation, 2019 - present
- Living Classrooms Foundation's 2018 Rising Stars Program

Community Leadership

- University of Maryland EnTERPreneur Mentoring Program
- ARIAS•U.S., Education Committee
- Community Law Center Board of Directors
- DRI Young Lawyers Steering Committee Chair of the DRI for Life (Wellness)

- DRI Young Lawyers Steering Committee Past Networking and Activities Subcommittee Chair
- DRI Young Lawyers Steering Committee Past Social Media Chair
- DRI Young Lawyers Steering Committee Past Chair of the Women's Committee
- Marian House Advancement Committee
- Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Services
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP Marketing Committee Chair
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP Women's Committee Co-Chair

News and Publications

- Maryland Super Lawyers 2025 "Flexible Benefits"
- DRI: The Brief Case "Practical Tips for Mastering the 30(b)(6) Deposition", September 2024 Issues Volume 3, Issue 8
- Corporate Disputes Magazine "Resolving Post-Acquisition Disputes: Representations and Warranties (R&W) Claims" July-September 2021

Speaking Engagements

- 2025 DRI Young Lawyers Conference Co-Presenter "Holding Your Ground: Strategies for Handling Difficult Opposing Counsel"
- 2024 DRI Webinar "A Young Lawyer's Guide to Preparing Corporate Witnesses and Telling a 'Company Story' as part of A Young Lawyer's Guide To Handling A Case, From Evaluation to Arbitration"
- 2023 DRI Annual Meeting Panelist, "Young Lawyer Tracks from Associate to Partner"
- 2023 DRI Young Lawyers Seminar, "Anticipating and Minimizing Risks Associated with the 30(b)(6) Deposition"
- 2023 "Representations and Warranties Policies [Also referred to as W&I Policies]," presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England
- 2021 DRI Annual Meeting, Co-Presenter "Virtual Mediation 101: Navigating the Best Practices of Mediation in the Remote World"
- 2021 DRI Annual Meeting DRI Wellness Yoga
- 2021 "Representations and Warranties Policies: A Coverage Primer," presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England
- 2021 "A Guide to Representations and Warranties Policies," presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England
- 2018 "A Primer: Representations and Warranties Policies," presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England

Reported Opinions

GPL Enter., LLC v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, 254 Md. App. 638 (2022)

Tapestry, Inc. v. Factory Mut. Ins. Co., 482 Md. 223 (2022)

News & Insights

- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is proud to have 6 lawyers awarded in the 2026 editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America.
- Congratulations Michele Hayes Dinterman 2025 Leaders in Law

- Michele Hayes Dinterman Featured in 2025 Maryland Super Lawyers Magazine
- Practical Tips for Mastering the 30(b)(6) Deposition, Michele Hayes Dinterman
- Congratulations to Michele Hayes Dinterman Honored as one of the Daily Record's Leading Women Under 40
- Michele Hayes Dinterman Selected to EnTERPreneur Mentoring Program as a Mentor
- Michele Hayes Dinterman, Esq. Named to The Daily Record's Leading Women Under 40
- Congratulations to Niles, Barton & Wilmer's 2024 Super Lawyers
- Congratulations to Michele Hayes Dinterman, recipient of 2023 DRI Young Lawyers Committee Unsung Hero Award
- 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is Pleased to Announce New Marketing Committee Leadership
- Congratulations to Niles, Barton & Wilmer's 2023 Super Lawyers
- Congratulations to Craig D. Roswell and Michele F. Hayes on their COVID-19 Case Win
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP Attorneys Attend the 35th Annual PLUS Conference in San Diego, CA
- Michele F. Hayes appointed to the DRI Young Lawyers Steering Committee as Chair of the Networking and Activities Subcommittee
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer is proud to sponsor the Marian House 14th Annual Race to Embrace Independence
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is proud to have 7 lawyers listed in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and one lawyer recognized in the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™.
- London and Stockholm Client Visit
- Congratulations to Craig D. Roswell and Michele F. Hayes on a Successful COVID-19 Business Interruption Case Win in the Court of Special Appeals
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is pleased to announce the new Women's Committee Leadership
- Niles Barton Welcomes Sameerah R. Mickey, Esq.
- Niles Barton announces that Diane E. DiBlasio and Michele F. Hayes have been Elected to the Partnership
- Niles Barton Attorneys Recognized by Maryland Super Lawyers 2022
- Representation & Warranties Team at Lloyd's of London
- Niles Barton sponsors the Local Government Insurance Trust's 2021 Annual Meeting
- Michele Hayes Co-Presented at DRI Annual Meeting
- Michele Hayes is re-appointed as DRI's Young Lawyers' Executive Committee, Social Media Chair
- "Resolving Post-Acquisition Disputes: Representations and Warranties Claims"
- Twelve Niles Barton Attorneys Recognized by Maryland Super Lawyers 2020