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WASHINGTON ARBITRATION & MEDIATION SERVICE



Michelle Luna

MEDIATOR

EXPERTISE AREAS

- Wrongful Death & Personal Injury
- Government Liability & Police Use of Force
- Employment & Class Action Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Complex Civil Litigation

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, Order of the Coif
- B.A., Gonzaga University

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University
- Center for Dispute Resolution
- Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference
- Washington State Judicial Institute
- Force Science Institute Certification

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Michelle Luna is an accomplished trial and appellate attorney with extensive experience handling complex civil litigation, government liability, and high-stakes disputes. Throughout her career, she has represented clients in a broad range of matters, including wrongful death, personal injury, employment, medical malpractice, class actions, and police use-of-force cases.

Michelle began her career working closely with victims and families affected by serious crimes, including assault, murder, and sexual assault. This experience provided a strong foundation for understanding the personal and emotional dimensions of legal disputes. Her practice later evolved to focus on complex litigation and risk management, helping clients navigate challenging legal matters and evaluate potential outcomes.

An experienced courtroom advocate, Michelle has tried more than 60 cases to verdict, argued 13 cases before the Washington Supreme Court, and briefed and argued more than 120 matters before the Washington Court of Appeals. Her litigation experience also encompasses construction defects, contract disputes, road design, water law, and correctional facility practices. She has managed risk litigation for Washington state's second-largest county.

Michelle brings this extensive litigation background to her work in dispute resolution, combining practical courtroom knowledge with an understanding of the legal, financial, and personal considerations that influence settlement decisions. She has completed dispute resolution training through Pepperdine University's Straus Institute and other professional programs.

In addition to her legal practice, Michelle has presented on mediation, government litigation, federal practice, and professional ethics, sharing her experience with attorneys and other legal professionals.