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For more than thirty years, Michele Odorizzi has concentrated on brief-writing at both the trial and appellate levels. During that time, she has argued more than 70 appeals, appearing in all but one of the federal Courts of Appeals, as well as a variety of state supreme and appellate courts. Michele's substantive areas of expertise include securities, shareholder derivative and takeover litigation, class actions, consumer and constitutional litigation, as well as general commercial litigation. Michele received her J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Chicago Law School in 1976, clerked for Judge Philip W. Tone on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in 1976-77 and for Justice John Paul Stevens on the United States Supreme Court in the 1979 Term. Michele has been ranked by *Chambers USA* as one of the leading litigators in Illinois for more than a decade and in September 2014 was listed by *Leading Lawyers Network* as one of the Top Ten Women Business Lawyers in Illinois.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Choate v. Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Co. (Illinois)

While trespassing on defendants' railroad tracks, plaintiff Dominic Choate was injured trying to jump onto a moving train in order to impress his girlfriend.

Moyle v. Liberty Mutual Retirement Benefit Plan (Ninth Circuit)

The question presented in this appeal is whether a class of 1,166 employees may be entitled to an equitable remedy requiring Liberty Mutual to pay them pension benefits because Liberty Mutual failed to anticipate and clear up their misunderstanding of the terms of the plan when they were hired.

Simpkins v. CSX Transp. (Illinois)

The plaintiff, whose husband had worked for the defendant until 1965, alleged that she contracted lung cancer as a result of being exposed to asbestos fibers purportedly carried home on her husband's work clothes.