

MICHELE DESTEFANO  
Curriculum Vitae

**EDUCATION**

Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*  
J.D., *Magna cum laude*

Dartmouth College, *Hanover, NH*  
B.A., English and Sociology, *Magna cum laude*  
Phi Beta Kappa, Mecklin Sociology Prize, Presidential Scholar

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2021– present      University of Miami President’s Academic Innovation Fellow  
2020 – present      Program Chair (and creator) of new Harvard Law School Exec Ed Program:  
2020 – present      Transforming Client Relationships with Innovation  
2020 – present      The Larry Hoffman Greenberg Traurig Business of Law Chair, University of Miami  
2017– present      Chief Faculty Advisor, The Digital Legal Exchange  
2015 – 2016          Affiliated Faculty, IE, Madrid, Spain  
                                 Visiting Professor, Visiting Faculty Lead of the Center on the Legal Profession  
                                 Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*  
2014 – Present      Professor  
                                 University of Miami School of Law, *Coral Gables, FL*  
2009 – 2013          Associate Professor  
                                 University of Miami School of Law, *Coral Gables, FL*  
2010 – Present      Founder + Director, LawWithoutWalls  
                                 University of Miami School of Law, *Coral Gables, FL*  
2012 – Present      Guest Faculty, Harvard Law School Executive Education  
                                 Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*  
2012 – Present      Affiliated Faculty, Harvard Law School Program on the Legal Profession  
                                 Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*  
2007 – 2009          Climenko Fellow, Lecturer on Law  
                                 Research Fellow, Program on the Legal Profession  
                                 Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*  
2006 – 2007          Associate Research Director, Program on the Legal Profession  
                                 Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*  
2004 – 2005          Special Master, *Amgen Inc. v. Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.*, 339 F. Supp. 2d 202 (D. Mass.  
2004)  
                                 United States District Court of Massachusetts, *Boston, MA*  
2003 – 2004          Judicial Clerk, Hon. William G. Young  
                                 United States District Court of Massachusetts, *Boston, MA*  
1999                      Intern, Public Corruption Unit and Civil Rights Division  
                                 United States Attorney’s Office, *Boston, MA*  
1998 – 1999          Training Director Harvard Defenders, Advocate, and Public Service Fellow  
                                 Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

2022 – Present      Board Member, Mintangible.com  
2018 – Present      Board Member, ProBono.net  
2014 – 2019          Board Member, Executive School of Technology, Management, and Law  
                                 University of St. Gallen, *St. Gallen, Switzerland*  
2016 – 2022          Advisory Board Member, Kormoon, AI powered technology startup to provide more  
                                 effective means of legal advice to legal teams (Kormoon was acquired in 2022)

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- 2017 – 2019 Global Advisory Board Member, Janders Dean, Leading Legal Industry Management Consultancy (Janders Dean was acquired in 2020)
- 2017 – 2021 Advisory Board Member, Elevate Services, a law company providing consulting, technology and services to legal departments and law firms
- 2018 – 2020 Member, Council of Business Partners in the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice

## ORGANIZATIONS FOUNDED

- 2020 *Digital Legal Exchange*: co-founded global institute of leading thinkers and doers from academia, business, government, technology and law, committed to accelerating digital transformation. Our non-profit community shares practical and applied learnings to inspire general counsel and their teams to become digital leaders in their businesses to drive commercial value.
- 2016 *MoveLaw* ([www.move.law](http://www.move.law)): Founded a training and consultancy company that creates bespoke experiential learning programs to help lawyers collaborate, innovate, and use technology to better partner with clients to solve problems. Portions of proceeds help fund LawWithoutWalls.
- 2015 *Compliance Elliance Journal* ([www.cej-online.com](http://www.cej-online.com)): Co-founded an open access e-journal that publishes engaging authors' works about cutting edge issues in compliance and ethics.
- 2013 *LWOW X*: Founded an all-virtual LawWithoutWalls model designed to solve social justices issues. (30+ Law and Business Schools/45+students).
- 2010 *LawWithoutWalls* ([www.LawWithoutWalls.org](http://www.LawWithoutWalls.org)): Founded a multi-disciplinary, international think-tank of over 2000 lawyers, business professionals, entrepreneurs, and law and business students that collaborate to solve problems and create innovations at the intersection of law, business, and technology. (30+ Law and Business Schools)

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 [\*Chicken or Egg: Diversity and Innovation in the Corporate Legal Marketplace\*](#), 91 *Fordham Law Review* 1209 (2023).
- 2022 *Don't Let the Digital Tail Wag the Transformation Dog: A Digital Transformation Roadmap for Corporate Counsel*, 17 *Journal of Business & Technology Law*, 183 (2022).
- 2022 [Inspirational Ideas for Leading Innovation in the legal world.](#) (2022-05-23), IE Law School, Law Ahead Newsletter.
- 2020 [\*Legal Levers in a Virtual World: Teaming Online to Do Different Things Differently\*](#), *International Bar Association, Law Firm Management Publication* (2020-05-06).
- 2020 *From Expert Lawyer to Innovative Lawyer*, published @IE Insights (2019-12-17).
- 2019 *New Suits: Appetite for Disruption in the Legal World*, *Stämpfli Publishing*, co-curated by Guenther Dobrauz and Michele DeStefano (2019)
- 2019 *The Secret Sauce to Teaching Collaboration and Leadership to Lawyers: The 3-4-5 Method of Innovation*, chapter 31, *New Suits* (2019).
- 2019

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- 2019 *Innovation: A New Key Discipline for Lawyers and Legal Education, chapter 3, New Suits (2019)*  
*The Law Firm Chief Innovation Officer: Goals, Roles, and Holes Part 1 and 2, Modern Legal Practice* published by Globe Law and Business, (October 2019 and January 2019)  
<https://www.globelawandbusiness.com/journals/modern-legal-practice>
- 2018 *Legal Upheaval: A Guide to Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation, book published by Ankermycke publishing (an international imprint of the American Bar Association)*
- 2018 *Client-Centered Innovation at HSF, Harvard Law School Case Study, co-authored with Nathan Cisneros and Lisa Brem (2018)*
- 2018 *Transforming lawyer-client collaboration and creating lasting change through LawWithoutWalls, co-authored with Erika C. Pagano, chapter in The Legal Tech Book Reemers Publishing Services GmbH (Fall 2018) (editors are Markus Hartung, and Michael Bues, Gernot Halbleib).*
- 2016 *The Chief Compliance Officer: Should There Be a New "C" in the C-Suite? HARVARD LAW SCHOOL'S THE PRACTICE (July. 2016)*  
<https://thepractice.law.harvard.edu/article/the-chief-compliance-officer/>
- 2015 *How Can Law Firms Innovate, IBERIAN LAWYER (Mar. 2015) (co-author with James Batham)*  
<http://www.iberianlawyer.com/news/opinion/4580-how-can-law-firms-innovate>
- 2014 *Compliance and Litigation Funding, Testing the Borders of Lawyers' Monopoly and the Unauthorized Practice of Law, 82 FORDHAM L. REVIEW 2961 (2014).*
- 2014 *Claim Funders and Commercial Claim Holders: A Common Interest or a Common Problem, 63 DEPAUL L. REVIEW 305 (2014).*
- 2013 *Creating a Culture of Compliance: Why Departmentalization May Not Be the Answer, 10 HASTINGS BUSINESS L. J. 71 (2013).*
- 2012 *NonLawyers Influencing Lawyers: Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen or Stone Soup?, 80 FORDHAM L. REVIEW 2791 (2012).*
- 2011 *Hiring Teams, Firms, and Lawyers: Evidence of the Evolving Relationships in the Corporate Legal Market, (co-author with John C. Coates IV, Ashish Nanda, and David B. Wilkins), 36 LAW & SOC. INQUIRY 999 (2011).*
- 2011 *Taking the Business Out of Work Product, 79 FORDHAM. L. REV. 1869 (2011).*
- 2010 *Advocacy in the Court of Public Opinion Installment II: How Far Should Corporate Attorneys Go?, 23 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1119 (2010).*
- 2009 *Advocacy in the Court of Public Opinion Installment I: Broadening the Role of Corporate Attorneys, 22 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1259 (2009).*
- 2009 *The Corporate Attorney-Client Privilege: Third Rate Doctrine for Third Party Consultants, 62 S.M.U. L. REV. 727 (2009).*
- 2003 *If Multidisciplinary Partnerships Are Introduced in the U.S., What Could or Should be The Role of General Counsel, 9 FORDHAM J. CORP. & FIN. LAW. 1 (2003).*

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**FORTHCOMING WORKS**

- Leader Upheaval: A Guide to Client-Centricity, Culture Creation, and Collaboration (Ankerwycke Publishing forthcoming Summer 2023)
- The Leader Upheaval Handbook: Lead Teams with The 3-4-5 Method of Innovation (Ankerwycke Publishing forthcoming Summer 2023)
- The Role of Compliance & Ethics in Digital Transformation (Compliance Elliance Journal, Spring 2023)

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Attorney Ethics re: The Right to Be Forgotten, and the Court of Public Opinion* (working title)

*Law Firms and Advertising Agencies: A World of Difference or A World Apart?*

*Creating a Culture of Compliance: Conceptualizing the Role of the Corporate Compliance Officer*

*Predicting the Future or a World Apart: What Lessons Can Law Firms Learn from Advertising Agencies*

*Active Claim Funding vs. Passive: The Value of a[n] [In]vested Relationship.*

*Extrapreneurs, Interdependence, and Law Without Walls: The Future of Legal Education Done Right*

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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| 2022 & 2021 | Selected by the President and Provost to be one of the University of Miami's 13 Academic Innovation Fellows   |
| 2021        | Selected as one of the top 3 innovators in South Florida in the Daily Business Review   |
| 2021        | Awarded Relief Funding Scholarship for LawWithoutWalls by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship (OVPRS) and the Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA).  |
| 2020        | Appointed as the Larry J. Hoffman, Greenberg Traurig Distinguished Professor in the Business of Law   |
| 2018        | LawWithoutWalls ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> and named a "standout" for innovation in collaboration in Fall 2018 <a href="#">Financial Times North America Innovative Lawyer Awards</a> . (Michele, the founder of LWOW received a commendation.)                             |
| 2018        | Professor Michele DeStefano selected as top 20 most innovative lawyers in North America (shortlisted for the top 10 list) in Fall 2018 <a href="#">Financial Times North America Innovative Lawyer Awards</a> . (Michele, the founder of LWOW received a commendation.) |
| 2015        | Received Faculty Innovation Curriculum Award from the International Association of Law Schools for LawWithoutWalls  |
| 2013        | Named a Legal Rebel by the American Bar Association (One of ten Legal Rebels named)   |
| 2012        | Winner, 2012 Association of American Law Schools Business Section Call for Papers Competition (One of two winners named)  |
| 2011        | Winner, 2011 InnovAction Award (The InnovAction Award has been given to internationally renowned legal organizations that developed innovative programs. LawWithoutWalls was the first law school initiative to win the award.)   |

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Harvard Business School, *Cambridge, MA*  
Case Method Teaching Certificate, Business Teacher Education

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IDEO Design Thinking  
Certificate, Leading for Creativity, Design Thinking Course

### PRESENTATIONS & PRESS 2019-2023

2023

- [@Casus Technologies](#) 2023/03/28, Michele presented, "[The Future of the Legal Market, Key Trends and How to Adapt](#)".
- [@LLMGuide.com](#), 2023-03-15, Michele was quoted in an article: [Some Academics are Concerned about Cheating; Others Say the AI Can Prepare Students for Legal Careers That are Increasingly Being Shaped by Technology](#).
- [@The University of Zurich](#), 2023-02-15, Michele presented on [The Future of Continuing Legal Education in the U.S.](#)
- [@Private Client Forum Americas](#), 2023-02-13, Michele provided a Keynote on collaboration and the human-centered approach to problem solving.
- [@The Digital Legal Exchange \(DLEX\)](#), 2023-01-7, Michele co-hosted a Salon event with [Giorgia Vulcano](#), Global Digital Ethics Manager, AB InBev, about the role of compliance and ethics in digital transformation.

2022

- [@In-House Connect](#), 2022-12-14, Michele co-presented with Bjarne Tellmann, GC of Haleon: "Don't Let the Digital Tail Wag the Transformation Dog."
- [@Young Partners Retreat Latam](#), 2022-11-09, Michele led a workshop on how to inspire innovation and a culture of collaboration.
- [@IBA Conference in Miami](#), 2022-10-29, Michele delivered a Keynote to the IBA Law Firm Management Committee Session hosted by Greenberg Traurig.
- [@IBA Conference in Miami](#), 2022-11-01, Michele was on a panel hosted by [IBA's Alternative and New Law Business Structures Committee](#), [A chameleon in a rabbit's disguise: regulating the provision and use of artificial intelligence for the legal profession - are business structures in sight or in danger?](#)
- [@The Digital Legal Exchange Salon Event](#), 2022-10-25, Michele participated in a fireside chat with Bjarne Tellmann, GC of Haleon, about their article: "Don't Let the Digital Tail Wag the Transformation Dog," moderated by Isabel Parker and Mark Cohen.
- [@Minverva Project](#), 2022-10, Michele was featured as an innovation fellow who participated in creating the new [Innovation, Technology, & Design](#) major at the University of Miami, School of Engineering: [Innovating from Within](#).
- [@Fordham Law School](#), 2022-10-21, Michele presented a draft of her Essay to be included in the In Memory of Deborah Rhode Colloquium.
- [@Calloquy launch event](#), Michele delivered a keynote about Leveraging the New Era of Litigation with Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation.
- [@KPMG Global GC Law Conference](#), 2022-09-20, Michele delivered a Keynote, "Leading and Managing Transformation, Collaboration, and Culture Change."

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- @DLA Piper's Global Women's Leadership Summit, 2022-09-19, Michele delivered a keynote and facilitated a workshop, *Bringing Excellence in Client Service to a New Level and Improving the Overall Health of Our Justice System with Collaboration, Creativity, and Innovation.*
- @MiamiLaw, 2022-09-07 Michele was on a panel about being a First-Generation [Law School Student](#).
- @Global General Counsel Forum, 2022-06-01, in Solage, Napa Valley, Michele presented on the changing demands and roles of General Counsels.
- @University of Miami, 2022-07, 2019, Michele is quoted in "New Bachelors for EntrepreneurialInnovators at the College ofEngineering."
- @Corporate Counsel, 2022-06-16, "Professor Michele DeStefano Outlines How to Create an Innovative Collaborative Culture."
- @IE Law School, Law Ahead, 2022-05-23 "Michele DeStefano's Inspirational Ideas for Leading Innovation in the legal world."
- @MiamiLaw, 2022-05-02, Michele is featured in, "Experts in Business, Tech and IP Law Selected to Join UM's Academic Innovation Fellows."
- @Gonzaga's 2022 Clarke Family Prize in Legal Ethics Conference, 2022-04-21, Michele delivered a keynote, In a World of Data & Legal Analytics, What Duties do Lawyers Have.
- @GG2.net, 2022-03-23, Michele was quoted in "Sundar Pichai, other Google staffers accused of hiding info."
- @Wall Street Journal, 2022-03-21, Michele is quoted in "Google Improperly Invoked Legal Privilege toWithhold Emails, Government Claims"
- @IE Law School, LawAhead, 2022-03-26, Michele presented, *Leading & Managing, Collaboration, Innovation and Culture Change*
- @Istituto CEDEFLaw, 2022-03-11, Michele was interviewed about LawWithoutWalls.
- @Law360.com, 2022-02-26, Michele was quoted in: *Questions for Remote Attorneys Linger After Fla. Rule Overhaul* - Law360.

2021

- **@Law360.com, 2021-12-18, Michele was quoted in: Future of Florida Legal Lab Proposal in Jeopardy.**
- **@Law360.com, 2021-12-15, Michele was quoted in: BigLaw's Big Guns of Revenue Keep Growing.**
- **@PracticeInsiders.com, 2021-12-15, Michele was featured in a podcast hosted by Dan Toombs of Fast Firms: click [here](#).**
- **@Law.com, 2021-12-14, Michele was quoted in: Can You Change How Lawyers Think and Work? Inside LawWithoutWalls' International Initiative.**
- **@PWC's Legal Lounge, 2021-11-23, Michele provided a keynote, Transforming Relationships with Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation.**

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- [@News @the U](#), 2021-11-11, Michele and the work that the Academic Innovation Fellows are doing to revolutionize the undergraduate experience was featured, *University launches effort to 'revolutionize the undergraduate experience'*.
- [@Legal Innovation & Tech Fest](#), 2021-11-1, Michele will participate in a Fireside Chat with Bjarne Tellman, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of GSK Consumer Healthcare: *Digital Transformation & Corporate Legal Departments: Creating New Forms of Value*
- [@News @the U](#), 2021-11-11, Michele and the work that the Academic Innovation Fellows are doing to revolutionize the undergraduate experience was featured, *University launches effort to 'revolutionize the undergraduate experience'*.
- [@Legal Innovation & Tech Fest](#), 2021-11-1, Michele will participate in a Fireside Chat with Bjarne Tellman, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of GSK Consumer Healthcare: *Digital Transformation & Corporate Legal Departments: Creating New Forms of Value*.
- [@Reuters Events: Legal Leaders](#), 2021-10-19, Michele will moderate a Fireside Chat Bjarne Tellman, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of GSK Consumer Healthcare: *Digitally Transforming Legal*.
- [@Levick.com](#), 2021-10-05, the panel Michele participated in below was featured, *The Message vs. The Truth*.
- [@Levick Podcast](#), 2021-10-04, Richard Levick hosted Michele in a Podcast click [here](#) and [here](#).
- [@Law Firm Marketing Summit](#), 2021-10-05, Michele was be a panelist on *Brand authenticity: The message vs the truth*.
- [@K&L Gates](#), 2021-10-04, Michele provided a Keynote, *Leveraging Change with a Culture of Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation* and led an interactive workshop: *Innovation Ready? Leading, Driving, and Implementing Change*.
- [@Bloomberg Law](#), 2021-09-09, Michele was quoted in "[Tech Friendly Legal Services Get Lift on Ownership Rules](#)."
- [@Bloomberg Law](#), 2021-07-30, Michele was quoted in [Flexible Work Could Boost Diversity for In-House Law Departments](#).
- [@Law.com](#), 2021-07-21, Michele was quoted in [Post-Pandemic, Law Schools See Legal Tech Education Playing an Even Bigger Role](#).
- [@LegalDesignPodcast](#), 2021-06-20, [Think Smaller with Michele DeStefano](#), Michele is featured in a podcast described as follows: "In this episode Henna and Nina talk to Michele DeStefano who believes that when lawyers figure out how to bring their childhood's box of crayons back into their work, the world really opens up. Michele is known as an innovative person who has changed the legal industry emphasizing empathy and human-centrism by bringing out great ideas and projects that challenge the traditional ways of working."
- [@WISBAR News](#), 2021-06-15, [Virtual AMC Roundup: Learning and Perspectives in a Pandemic Year](#), an over view of talking points from Michele's Keynote was provided.
- [@The State Bar of Wisconsin's Annual Meeting](#), 2021-06-10, Michele provided a keynote: Legal Leaders: Opportunities for Differentiation in a Digital World. For a pre-conference interview click [here](#).
- [@Inhouse International Counsel Journal \(IICJ\)](#), 2021-06-09, Michele was mentioned and LawWithoutWalls was reviewed in LawWithoutWalls Program in the Eyes of an In-House Counsel by ALda Loureiro.
- [@Bloomberg Law](#), 2020-06-08 Michele was quoted in article, *Cooley Recruits Texas Lawyers, Offering Fully Remote Jobs*.
- [@Mondaq](#), 2021-06-08, Michele's Podcast with Seyfarth was described ([here](#)).
- [@Seyfarth's #podcast](#), "[Pioneers and Pathfinders](#)," 2021-06-02, [Michele is featured](#).

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- [@Zippia's Job Market for Recent Grads](#), 2021-06-01, [Experts Weigh In](#), Michele provides her opinions on where the job market for recent law graduates is heading, as well as how they can prepare to enter the industry.
- [@The LLM GUIDE](#), 2021-05-13 Michele is quoted in article, [The Pandemic is Accelerating the Digitalization of the Legal Profession](#), by Seb Murray.
- [@CLOC Global Virtual Institute](#), 2021-05, Michele was part of CLOC's headlining session: [Leading Change: Shaping the Future of Legal Ops](#)
- [@AALL](#) (American Association of Law Libraries) Innovation Bootcamp, 2021-05-07, Michele provided an interactive keynote, [Understanding the Legal Mind: Leveraging Change with a Culture of Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation](#)
- [@LexMundi Business Development & Marketing Conference](#), 2021-04-13 Michele provided the keynote: [Transforming Client Relationships with Innovation](#)
- [@Digital Legal Exchange Podcast](#), 2021-02-22, Michele hosts [Shahar Markovitch](#), current General Manager, National Intelligence , former Chief Digital & Information Officer, El AL Israel Airlines
- [@Litera TV](#), Reinventing Legal with Ari Kaplan, 2021-04-06, Michele was interviewed by [Ari Kaplan](#)
- [@Digital Legal Exchange Podcast](#), 2021-02-22, Michele hosts [Bjarne Tellemann](#), GC of GSK.
- [@University of Miami School of Law](#), 2021-02-10, Michele and LawWithoutWalls were mentioned in "Law School Education Helps Alumna Launch DC Regulatory and Compliance Career."

2020

- [@Zippia](#), The Career Expert, 2020-12-11, Michele was featured in "Experts Weigh In On Current Job Market Trends"
- [@Future Law Podcast](#), Michele was featured in Episode 24, Leader of LawWithoutWalls by Podcast Host, Michael Madison
- [@Bloomberg Law](#), 2020-11-19, Michele was quoted in an article by Roy Strom: [DeChambeau's Big Miss at Masters Is Lesson in Successful Failure](#)
- [@Legal Festival](#), 2020-11-19, Michele provided a keynote and Q&A re: "Legal Leaders: Opportunities for Differentiation in a Digital World"
- [@Americas Women Magazine \(Miami Edition\)](#), 2020-11-17, Michele was featured: "She's a Professor, Author, Speaker & Independent Consultant & Facilitator to Law Firms. [Our Exclusive Interview with University of Miami Law Professor Michele DeStefano](#)"
- [@IBA annual conference](#), 2020-11-10, Michele served as a panelist on Reinventing Global Legal Education: A Blueprint panel
- [@Medium.com](#), 2020-10-26, Michele was interviewed by FGV Law School (Brazil) about her scholarship, Legal Upheaval and LawWithoutWalls, [Interview with Michele DeStefano](#).
- [@Ark's Law Firm Innovation Summit](#), 2020-11-05, Michele provided a keynote: "Filling in the Gaps: Why and How Lawyers Need to Innovate"
- [@Digital Legal Exchange Podcast](#), 2020-10-21 Michele hosts [Gladys Chun](#), GC from Lazada Group.
- [@Answering Legal](#), 2020-10-22, Michele was video interviewed by Nicholas Werker, [Why Lawyers Need to Be Proactive and Always Innovating](#)
- [@LawIT Legal Summit](#), 2020-10-19, Michele was Interviewed by Reena Sengupta about "Client Centricity and Digital Transformation in Law."
- [@Law.com](#), 2020-09-28 Michele was featured in an article, "Top Innovators: Michele DeStefano Blossoms in Pandemic After 10 Years in Virtual World."
- [@law.com](#), 2020-09-28, [@daily](#) business review, lists Michele as one of the top 3 innovators in South Florida, "DBR Awards Season: It's Delayed But Intact."
- [@SAL Law Tech Fest](#), 2020-09-28 Michele was a moderator and panelist on "Skills at Scale and the Legal Function."

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- @OA Online, 2020-09-23 Michele was mentioned in an article about [the Digital Legal Exchange's Sponsorship of the Financial Times Lawyer Event](#).
- @Financial Times Digital Lawyers Event, 2020-9-24 Michele was featured along with Mark Cohen in "Meet the Digital Experts"
- @Financial Times Digital Lawyers Event, 2020-9-24 Michele moderated a Panel, Client Centricity: From Services to Experiences.
- @Miranda & Amado, Michele provided a virtual keynote re: the importance of driving a culture of collaboration in the legal industry.
- @Digital Legal Exchange Podcast, 2020-08-06, Michele hosts [Joe Otterstetter, GC at 3M](#).
- @MiamiLaw Virtual 1L Orientation, 2020-08-05, Michele provided a keynote and facilitated two 2-hour interactive workshops to the entire incoming 1L class: *Community Building & Successful online teaming*.
- @Power, Privilege and Transformation: Lessons from the Pandemic for Online Legal Education Virtual Symposium, 2020-08-05, hosted by @miamilaw, Michele moderated the capstone panel re: the virtual classroom.
- @ACC Internal all-hands meeting, 2020-07-23, Michele was Virtual Coffee speaker about best practices and lessons learned related to virtual events.
- @ACC Chief Legal Officers Virtual Roundtable, 2020-07-23, Michele led discussion and break out groups about Diversity, Inclusion and Innovation.
- @Passport-to-Practice, 07-14-2020, Michele co-led a session with Jason Barnwell on Business Partnering.
- @Passport-to-Practice, 07-14-2020, Michele led a session about The Art of Collaboration & Innovation in Law in a Part-Virtual World.
- @LawIt, 2020-06-30, Michele delivered a live webinar: New Law, Big Law, and the Big Four: Why We Need a New Quarterback Now More Than Ever.
- @Legal Tech Online Convent, 2020-06-29, Michele delivered a keynote online: *What's Next for the Inhouse Legal Function After Corona? Accelerating Digital Transformation & Revenue Generation*.
- @Passport-to-Practice, 06-25-2020, Michele was a panelist in the Future of Legal Services Panel
- @Above the Law & Axiom Webinar, 2020-06-24, Michele was a panelist on the Future of Law.
- @LinkLei, Brazil's first legal social network, on 2020-06-24 Michele delivered a keynote online: [Law & Opportunities](#).
- @OA Online, and @Fox21, 2020-06-16, Michele and her role in the [Digital Legal Exchange](#) were highlighted: *Digital Legal Exchange Builds Momentum Following First Quarter Launch*.
- @Chancery Lane Chats, 2020-05-20, Michele is featured in a Podcast: *Why Communications and Law are Becoming Yin and Yang Professions*.
- @Compliance Elliance Journal, 2020-05-20, Michele's book: *New Suits: Appetite for Disruption in the Legal World*, is [reviewed](#) by Christina-Maria Leeb.
- @Daily Business Review, 2020-05-06, Michele is named as one of three honorees for Florida's Most Innovative Lawyer of the Year, *DBR announces 2020 Professional Excellence Award Honorees*.
- @MiamiLaw Reporter, 2020-05-30, Michele was featured: *Professor Known for Innovation in Research and Teaching Leads Transition to Online Learning During Pandemic*.
- @FringeLegal, 2020-04-09, Michele was featured in a podcast: *Legal Upheaval with Michele DeStefano*.
- @Legal IT Insider, 2020-04-08 Michele was featured in a webinar: *Post-COVID-19 Legal Landscape, What Should legal Organisations be Thinking About in Terms of Technological Innovation?*
- @Miami Law Explainer, 2020-04-06, Michele is interviewed in a podcast by Catherine Skipp, *Teaching in the Time of COVID-19*.
- @Legal Innovators Align, 2020-03-18 (Cape Town, South Africa), Michele did a virtual book talk about *Legal Upheaval*.
- @Legal Talk Network Podcast Michele was in a podcast with Bill Garcia, Ari Kaplan, and host Ralph Baxter, 2020-02-12, *Change Management: How to Get Lawyers and Staff to Buy-In to Change*.

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- [@LexBlog.com](#), 2020-02-12, Michele's panel at Legal Week was reviewed by Ralph Baxter, *Legal Week 2020 in New York was Outstanding*.
- [@Law360](#), 2020-02-06, by Michele Gorman, Michele is quoted about change management in *Change Of Heart: How Attorneys Can Get Buy-In For Big Ideas*.
- [@Legal Week NYC Conference](#), 2020-02-05, Michele was a panel speaker on *Change Management: How to Get Lawyers and Staff to Buy Into Change*.
- [@Law.com](#), 2020-01-31, Q&A with Michele, *How the 'Innovation Tournament in Law' Is Changing the Industry*.
- [@PRNNewswire](#), 2020-01-30, Michele is quoted in article, *Web Use at Odds with Compliance, Security in Financial Firms*.

2019

- [@Legal Innovators Align](#), 2019-11-12 (Johannesburg, Gauteng South Africa), Michele did a virtual book talk about *Legal Upheaval*.
- [@Above the Law](#), 2019-10-17, Michele's new book, *New Suits*, is mentioned in *Beware The #RobotLawyer Invasion*.
- [@Florida Bar News](#), 2019-10-15, Michele and LawWithoutWalls was featured, "**UM'S LAW WITHOUT WALLS PURSUES INTERNATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO LEGAL, BUSINESS PROBLEMS.**"
- [@BGD Abogados](#), 2019-10-14, Michele's talk about the Secret to Service Differentiation at the Legal Management Forum is featured,
- [@LawAhead Hub at IE university](#), 2019-10-11, in Madrid Michele presented *Legal Upheaval and the New Expectations of Lawyers: What's Innovation Got to Do With It?*
- [@BGD Abogados](#), 2019-10-10, Michele's talk at the Legal Management Forum is featured, *More than 1,000 professionals come together to reflect on the challenges of the legal profession*.
- [@Legal Management Forum](#), 2019-10-10, in Madrid Michele presented on *why lawyers should practice proactive collaboration towards innovation*.
- [@Answering Legal](#), 2019-10-08, Michele's book, *Legal Upheaval: A Guide to Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation in Law* was listed as one of the **11 Books Every Lawyer Should Read in 2019**.
- [@Harvard Law School](#), Book Talk hosted by The HLSA of MA, 2019-09-18 in Cambridge, MA, *Upheaval & Innovation in the Legal Marketplace with Michele DeStefano '02*.
- [@University of Miami School of Law](#), 2019-09-11, Michele's new book, *New Suits: Appetite for Disruption in the Legal World* is featured, "**Legal Industry Undergoing Transformation – Professor DeStefano New Book Explores Phenomenon.**"
- [@Forbes](#), 2019-09-03, by Mark Cohen, LawWithoutWalls is named as an example of a program designed to upskill lawyers "**Upskilling: Why It Might Be The Most Important Word In The Legal Lexicon.**"
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- @LMA, 2019-03-28, Michele is featured in Legal Marketing Association podcast with host, Cynthia Voth "[Innovate, Collaborate, and Transform Law Firms.](#)"
- @LAWsome Podcast with host Jake Sanders and Paul Julius, 2019-04, [Moving Lawyers Moving Law: What Does it Take to Innovate, Understand, and Upheave the Legal Services Industry](#)
- @the Global Independent Law Firms Forum hosted in London by Legal Week and The American Lawyer, 2019-03-27, Michele was a keynote for *Why Lawyers Should Hone the Mindset, Skillset, and Behaviors of Innovators.*
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- @TheTechnolawgist, 2019-03-08, by Isabella Galeano, Michele is featured in "[Women Leading the Legal Tech Sector](#)"
- From the Journals: Adaptive Innovation. The Law Firm Chief Innovation Officer: Separating Aspiration from Reality in an Emerging Role Harvard Law School: 31 January 2019

### PRESENTATIONS PRIOR TO 2019

- 2018            **Keynote**, "Leading in Law – Habits of Highly Effective Law Firm Leadership & Entrepreneurialism,"  
Janders Dean JD Horizons conference London, UK (May 2018)  
**Named Chair Lecture and Panel**, LawWithoutWalls: "Enhancing Access to Justice and Lawyers' Skills with Innovation"  
Dartmouth Lawyers Association and the Rockefeller Center on Public Policy, Dartmouth College Hanover, NH (May 2018)  
**Podcast**, The Ed Andrew Podcast (May 2018)
- 2017            **Keynote**, "Legal Tech & Innovation in the US"  
Future Lawyer 2017 Conference hosted by Shifter, Oslo, Norway (Nov, 2017)  
**Moderator Fireside Chat**, Chambers Diversity Summit, with Maria Elena Lagomasino hosted by Greenberg Traurig (Nov, 2017)  
**Keynote**, "How Law is Changing + The Importance of Creating a Culture of Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation"  
Legal IT Leadership Summit hosted by iManage, Miami, FL (Oct, 2017)  
**Keynote**, "Innovation in Law"  
Janders Dean Innovation Index Awards Sydney, Australia (August 2017)  
**Keynote**, "Legal Tech & Innovation Developments in the US"  
The Legal Transformation Conference, Berlin Germany (June 2017)  
**Keynote**, "Innovation in the Law: Why Women Attorneys Will Lead the Way."  
Costa Rican Bar Association Conference, Costa Rico (upcoming May 2017)  
**Podcast**, "Innovation in Legal Services + Education" ABA and Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession (*April 2017*)  
**Podcast**, "Innovation in the Law" Legal Luminary (March 23 2017)  
**Keynote**, Innovation in Law: The Value Equation.

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Chilli IQ's 10th Managing Partners Forum, Being an Agent of Change, Byron Bay  
Australia, (Feb 2017)

**Faculty Talk**, "Innovation or Disruption in the Market for Legal Services," Houston, TX  
(Feb 2017)

**Lecturer + Facilitator**: "The theory, substance and practice of innovation" and a  
Hackathon for the course, [Innovating Legal Studies and Practice](#) (Feb 2017)  
University of Pavia

**Lecturer + Facilitator** for an Innovation Lab and Hackathon on Legal Education for  
Professor David Wilkin's Problem Solving Workshop  
Harvard Law School (Jan 2017)

**2016** **Keynote**, "Driving Disruptive Innovation: Redefining How Legal Departments Provide  
Value,"

ALM's InHouse Innovates Super Conference, Chicago, IL (Nov. 2016)

**Keynote**, Skills that Benefit Women in the Current Legal Working Environment,  
Chambers Diversity seminar Chile: Challenges and Opportunities for Women in their  
Legal Career, in Association with Carey (Oct. 2016)

**Keynote**, The Changing Legal Landscape: How Lawyers Are Meeting (and Exceeding) its  
Demands" (Sept. 2016)

Spotify, New York, New York

**Podcast**, The Lawyerist (Nov 2016) "[Learning Creative Problem Solving Skills](#)"

**Panel Speaker**, Innovation: How Tomorrow's Lawyers Will Practice  
ILEC 2016, Fordham Law School (July 2016)

**Moderator**, "Fireside Chat with Spotify GC, Horacio Gutierrez"

Harvard Law School's Harvard Association for Law & Business Symposium, *Cambridge,  
MA (April 2016)*

**Panelist**, "Technology: Fight, Flight, Friend, or Follow?,"

ABA TechShow, *Chicago IL (March 2016)*

**2015** **Speaker and Award Winner**, "LawWithoutWalls and the Changing Legal Landscape,"

IALS, *Madrid, Spain (Fall 2015) (attended virtually)*

**Presenter**, "The Legal & Compliance Function in the U.S.

University of St. Gallen Executive School of Management, Technology, & the Law, *St.  
Gallen, Switzerland*

**Presenter**, "LawWithoutWalls: Transforming the Way Lawyers and Business Professionals  
Partner Together to Solve Problems,"

University of St. Gallen, *St. Gallen, Switzerland*

**Presenter**, "Global Law School: Moving Legal Education into the 21st Century,"

ClioCon, *Chicago, IL*

**Keynote**, "The Future Ecosystem of the Legal Profession: Transforming the Way Lawyers  
and Business Professionals Partner Together to Solve Problems,"

Microsoft, *Seattle, WA*

**Keynote**, "Innovation in Legal Services and Legal Education," Richard Susskind's 23rd  
Annual Ross Priory Conference on The Future of Legal Services

Strathclyde University, *Loch Lomond, Scotland*

**Panelist**, "The War for Talent – Back Into Battle?,"

IE Law School, *Online*

**Presenter**, "LawWithoutWalls and LWOW X Compliance,"

Ethics Resource Center Annual Meeting, *Washington, DC*

**2014** **Presenter**, "Compliance and Current Challenges: From the Perspective of the U.S.  
Market,"

Leipzig Academy of Applied Criminal & Business Law + RP Lawyers, *Munich, Germany*

**Panelist**, "Innovation, Profit and Growth in a Buyer's Market,"

The Future of Law Summit, *London, UK*

**Keynote**, "Legal Education, Technology, Extrapreneurship: And a Law Without Walls,"

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Florida Bar Business Law Section, *Orlando, FL*

**Keynote**, “Effective and Creative Use of Distance Technology to Internationalize the Domestic Law School Classroom,”

Internationalizing Legal Education Colloquium, NAFSA, *University of San Diego, CA*

**Presenter + Faculty Talk**, “Innovation in the Delivery of Legal Services and Underserved Markets: Opportunities and Challenges,”

Stanford Law School, *Palo Alto, CA*

**Lecturer**, “Innovating in Teams: The Practice and Theory of Creativity,”

Harvard Law School Emerging Leaders in Law Firms Program, *Cambridge, MA*

**Speaker**, “A New Officer in the C-Suite? Keeping Up With Compliance,”

Latham & Watkins Compliance Department Annual Retreat, *Washington, DC*

**Keynote**, “Legal Education, Technology, Extrapreneurship: An a Law Without Walls,”

Florida Bar Winter Meeting, *Orlando, FL*

**Panelist**, “Enriching Globalization Studies with Low Cost Tech & Social Media: Serving More Than 1 Goal at a Time,”

Association of American Law Schools, *Washington, DC*

2013

**Presenter**, “Compliance and Litigation Funding: Testing the Borders of Lawyers’ Monopoly and the Unauthorized Practice of Law,”

Fordham Law School Monopoly Colloquium, *New York, NY*

**Panelist**, “The Impact and Future of Automation on Legal Services,”

Suffolk University Boston Legal-Tech-Innovation Meetup, *Boston, MA*

**Presenter**, “LawWithoutWalls and Executive Education for Lawyers,”

Bracewell & Giuliani Professional Development Roundtable for Global Law Firms, *New York, NY*

**Presenter**, “Beyond Benchmarking? How Should Law and Corporate Compliance Intersect?,”

Fordham Law Ethics Schmooze, *New York, NY*

**Presenter**, “Claim Funders and Commercial Claim Holders: A Common Interest or a Common Problem,”

DePaul University Clifford Chance Symposium, *Chicago, IL*

**Presenter**, “Solving the Legal Crisis: Innovation and Entrepreneurship,”

Stanford Law School, *Palo Alto, CA*

**Lecturer**, “Innovating in Teams: The Practice and Theory of Creativity,”

Harvard Law School Emerging Leaders in Law Firms Program, *Cambridge, MA*

**Lecturer**, “The Future of Corporate Compliance,”

IE Law School, *Online*

**Keynote Speaker**, “The Legal Network: Lawyers Embracing Social Networking,”

University of Miami Law Review Symposium, *Coral Gables, FL*

**Panelist**, “Creating a New Universe: A Virtual Gateway to Learning and Connecting Across the Globe,”

Association of American Law Schools, *New Orleans, LA*

2010 – 2013

**Lecturer**, “General Counsels and Public Relations,”

Professor David B. Wilkins, 1L Problem Solving Course

Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*

2012

**Panelist**, “When Outsiders Invest in Law Suits: An Ethical Debate on this Growing Trend, II,”

DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar, *New York, NY*

Lecturer, “Commercial Claim Funding: Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen or Stone Soup?,”

Professor David B. Wilkins, Legal Profession Course

Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*

Presenter, “Beyond Benchmarking: How Should Law and Corporate Compliance Intersect?,”

Harvard Law School Program on the Legal Profession, *Cambridge, MA*

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Panelist, “What Skills Does the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Need and LawWithoutWalls Hone?”  
International Association of Legal Ethics Conference, *Banff, Canada*

Panelist, “Legal Ethics and Regulation Education Around the Globe,”  
International Association of Legal Ethics Conference, *Banff, Canada*

Panelist, “Lawyer Independence,”  
International Association of Legal Ethics Conference, *Banff, Canada*

Presenter, “Virtual Third Places,”  
LawTechCamp, *London, UK*

Commentator, “Comparative and International Perspectives on Professionalism,”  
Fordham Law School, *New York, NY*

Panelist, “Best Practices and Ethical Considerations in Corporate Compliance,”  
Fordham Law School, *New York, NY*

Panelist, “When Outsiders Invest in Law Suits: An Ethical Debate on this Growing Trend,  
I,”  
DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar, *Chicago, IL*

Panelist, “Best Practices and Ethical Considerations in Corporate Compliance,”  
Commercial Litigation Funding and Investment 2012, *New York, NY*

Lecturer, “The Future of Compliance in Large Publicly Traded Corporations,”  
IE Law, *Online*

Panelist, “Ethical Issues in International Litigation: Fee Sharing, Suit Financing,”  
10th Annual International Litigation and Arbitration Conference, *Miami, FL*

Keynote, “LawWithoutWalls,”  
Association of American Law Schools, *Washington, DC*

Presenter, “The ‘New’ Corporate Governance and Compliance,”  
Association of American Law Schools, *Washington, DC*

Panelist, “Busting Out Scholarship: Becoming Relevant Outside the Legal Academy with  
Non-Traditional Scholarship,”  
Association of American Law Schools, *Washington, DC*

2011 Presenter, “Outside Influence on Lawyers, Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen or Stone  
Soup,”  
Florida State University, *Tallahassee, FL*

Presenter, “LawWithoutWalls”  
Citizens Board Member Meeting, University of Miami, *Coral Gables, FL*

Presenter, “Alternative Litigation Funding: Current Status and Issues in the US, UK, and  
Australia,”  
Arbitration Master Class, Iberian Lawyer, *Miami, FL*

Panelist, “The Government’s Unofficial Stance on Compliance Departments: To Comply  
or Not To Comply?,”  
Financial Services Industry Regulatory Compliance & Ethics Forum, Practising Law  
Institute Conference, *New York, NY*

Presenter, “Active Third Party Litigation Funding: Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen or  
Stone Soup?,”  
Fordham Law School Globalization and the Legal Profession Colloquium, *New York, NY*

Award Winner and Presenter, “LawWithoutWalls and the InnovAction Award,”  
InnovAction Awards Futures Conference, *Chicago, IL*

Keynote and Co-Chair, “The Government’s Unofficial Stance on Compliance  
Departments: To Comply or Not To Comply?,”  
Corporate Counsel Summit, *Las Vegas, NV*

Moderator and Co-Chair, “Developing and Negotiating Alternative Fee Arrangements that  
Will Save You Money and Time,”  
Corporate Counsel Summit, *Las Vegas, NV*

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### Curriculum Vitae

Panelist, “The “New” – Third Party Funding of International Arbitration Claims: Similarities and Differences from Funding Litigation Claims, Products, Services, Issues, Recent Jurisprudence, Status,”

Fordham Law School, *New York, NY*

Moderator, “Crisis War Room – General Counsel’s Role in Shaping the PR Strategy,”

Inside Counsel Magazine 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Conference, *Chicago, IL*

Presenter, “LawWithoutWalls: Year in Review,” Future Ed 3

Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*

**2010**

Panelist, “The Corporate Attorney-Client Privilege and Third-Party Consultants,”

Turn Around Management Association Annual Convention, *Orlando, FL*

Presenter, “LawWithoutWalls,” Future Ed 2

New York Law School, *New York, NY*

Panelist, “The Year in Review in Confidentiality and Attorney-Client Privilege,”

American Bar Association National Conference on Professional Responsibility, *Seattle, WA*

Presenter, “Hiring Teams from Rivals: Theory and Evidence on the Evolving Relationships in the Corporate Legal Market,”

Georgetown Law Center, *Washington, D.C.*

Panelist, “Hiring Teams from Rivals: An Overview of the Evolving Relationships in the Corporate Legal Market,”

Practicing Law Institute, *New York, NY*

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### *University of Miami and LawWithoutWalls*

- 2022 – Present Design Challenges I, 25-35 students, University of Miami School of Engineering, Innovation, Technology and Design Program
- 2009 – Present Civil Procedure; approximately 45-110 students from University of Miami School of Law
- 2010 – Present LWOW Original; approximately 50 students from 35 law & business schools worldwide
- 2013 – Present LWOW X; approximately 30 students from 15 law & business schools worldwide
- 2014 – 2016 LWOW X Compliance; approximately 25 students from 11 law & business schools worldwide
- 2013 – 2015 Innovation, Technology, and the Law; approximately 45 students from University of Miami School of Law
- 2010 Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility, University of Miami School of Law

#### *Harvard Law School*

- 2021 – Present Program Chair and affiliated faculty of new program, Transforming Client Relationships, Harvard Law School Executive Education
- 2012 – Present Harvard Law School Executive Education
- 2017 Innovation Lab and Hackathon for Professor David Wilkin’s Problem Solving Workshop
- 2015 – 2016 Visiting Professor, Legal Profession; approximately 45 students from Harvard Law School
- 2007 – 2009 Legal Research & Writing; approximately 20 students from Harvard Law School

#### *IE Law School*

- 2016 – present Guest Faculty, IE LMP (note: a course about LawWithoutWalls is taught each fall at IE by the director of LawWithoutWalls)

#### *University of Pavia*

- 2017 The Theory and Substance and Practice of Innovation and a Hackathon for the Course [\*Innovating Legal Studies and Practice\*](#) (Feb 2017)

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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

1999                      Research Assistant to Professor Anne Marie Slaughter Harvard Law School, *Cambridge, MA*

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

*University of Miami*

2022-present        Dean's Advisory Committee  
2022-2023        Academic Standards Committee  
2022-present        Innovation, Technology, and Design Executive Committee  
2021—2022        Dean's Search Committee  
2021-2022        Chair of the Online Education Ad Hoc Committee for the Law School  
2021—present        Presidential Innovation Fellow in Innovation, Technology, and the Law Bachelor's Degree in the University of Miami School of Engineering  
2021—present        Faculty Senate Termination for Cause Committee  
2020-2021        Curriculum Planning Committee  
2020                Continuity Committee  
2019                Strategy Planning Committee  
2017—2019        Promotion and Tenure Committee  
2016—2017        Curriculum Planning Committee  
2016—present        Co-developer and one of the Professor Ambassadors to B.I.L.T (Business, Innovation, Law and Technology concentration for students).  
2015—2016        Strategic Planning Committee  
2014—2021        Faculty Senate, Law School Alternate  
2012—2014        University of Miami Online Education Task Force  
2011—2013        Admissions Committee  
2010—2011        Lateral Hiring Committee

*Other Organizations*

2019—Present        Executive Committee Member of AALS Section on Professional Responsibility  
2012—2014        Association of American Law Schools Global Engagement Committee  
2012                Visiting Member, MPRE Drafting Committee  
2012—2014        Co-Chair, Committee on Legal Ethics and Regulation Education Around the Globe, International Association of Legal Ethics  
2009—2012        Law & Society Panels on the Legal Profession

*Other Publications and Blogs*

2013— Present        Founder, *Compliance Alliance Journal*  
2012— 2014        Co-Editor, *The Legal Whiteboard*

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Presentations        Proficient in Powerpoint, Prezi, Slidebean, and Keynote  
Web design            Proficient in WYSIWYG platforms (e.g, Squarespace)

**NON-LEGAL PROFESSIONAL WORK**

1995 – 1998        Senior Marketing Manager  
Levi Strauss & Co., *San Francisco, CA*  
1991 – 1995        Account Executive  
Leo Burnett Co., *Chicago, IL*

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**LANGUAGES**

Spanish                      Spoken low-level proficiency

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

2004 – Present      District of Columbia Bar  
2003 – Present      Minnesota Bar  
2003 – Present      Member, Academy of Court-Appointed Masters  
2003 – Present      United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts  
2002 – Present      Member, American Bar Association  
2002 – Present      Massachusetts Bar  
2006 – 2008          Affiliate, Sloan Industry Studies Program  
2002 – 2003          Member, Harvard Law School Women's Alumnae Network Steering Committee (Boston)

**MEDIA & PRESS PRIOR TO 2019**

[@PrawfsBlog, 2018-08-05, Michele is featured, "DeStefano on the Adjacent Possible."](#)

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[@the Global Independent Law Firms Forum hosted in London by Legal Week and The American Lawyer, 2019-03-27, Michele was a keynote for \*Why Lawyers Should Hone the Mindset, Skillset, and Behaviors of Innovators.\*](#)

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[@Law360, 2019-03-08, by Michele Gorman, Michele is quoted in "How Inhouse Counsel Can Avoid Being a Nightmare Client"](#)

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[@TheTechnolawgist](#), 2019-03-08, by Isabella Galeano, Michele is featured in "[Women Leading the Legal Tech Sector](#)"

[@Financial Times](#), 2018-12-13, LawWithoutWalls ranked 2nd and named a “standout” for innovation in collaboration at this year’s [Financial Times North America Innovative Lawyer Awards](#). ([Michele, the founder of LWOW received a commendation.](#))

[@The Forum for Florida General Counsel](#), 2018-12-07, Michele presented on changing demands of lawyers and best practices for collaboration and innovation.

[@Financial Times](#), 2018-12-1, Michele is recognized by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers (North America) as one of the top 20 most innovative lawyers.

[@Miami Dade Judicial Reception & Holiday Celebration](#), hosted by the Law Alumni Association, at Carlton Fields, 2018-11-29, Michele did a book Reading and interview with Mark F. Raymond.

[@altblog](#), 2018-12-11, Colin Levy reviews "[Legal Tech Book: the legal industry's guide through the ever-changing global market](#)" which features a chapter on LawWithoutWalls co-authored by Michele and Erika Pagano.

[@LegalFutures](#), 2018-11-28, Dan Bindman calls Legal Upheaval an "[Innovation Blueprint](#)."

[@ABA](#), 27 November 2018, ABA Interview with Michele and Feature of Legal Upheaval, [Innovation Rx](#).

[@Idaho Business Review](#), 20 November 2018, Legal Upheaval and Michele are quoted, "[Two Paths for 21st-century law firms: innovation or extinction](#)," by Nicole Black

[@Study International](#), LawWithoutWalls is mentioned as one of the programs that makes Miami Law one of the "[Leading Law Schools that Produce T-Shaped Graduates with Global Talent](#)."

[@Remaking Law Firms](#), 16 November 2018, Legal Upheaval is reviewed by George Beaton, "[Why Everyone Should Read Legal Upheaval](#)."

[@LegalNews](#), 14 November 2018, Legal Upheaval and Michele are quoted, "[Two Paths for 21st-century law firms: innovation or extinction](#)," by Nicole Black

[@Lawyers on Fire](#), [Lawyers on Fire Chat with Michele DeStefano](#), Podcast by Carsten Reimann (November 2018)

[@Iberian Lawyer Gold Awards](#), Michele served as a Judge on 09 November 2018.

[@LegalIT Insider](#), 01 November 2018, [Transcript from podcast with Kaplan, Ari. Legal Upheaval: A conversation with law professor and author Michele DeStefano](#)

[@Ari Kaplan Podcast](#), 01 November 2018, [Legal Upheaval: A conversation with law professor and author Michele DeStefano](#).

[@Legal It Insider](#), 01 November 2018, a transcription of a Podcast by Ari Kaplan about Michele and her book, *Legal Upheaval*, is featured, "[Legal Upheaval: A Conversation with Law Professor and Author Michele DeStefano](#)," by Caroline Hill

[@Legal Futures](#), 05 October 2018, Michele and her book, *Legal Upheaval*, are featured, “[Lawyers Need to See Benefits of Innovation Says Guru](#),” by Dan Bindman

[@Financial Times](#), 04 October 2018, Michele is quoted by Reena SenGupta, “[Law Firms Confront a Question of Identity](#)”

[@LegalSpeak Podcast](#), 28 September 2018, Michele is interviewed by Karen Sloan, Law.com, “[Beyond the Buzzwords: Getting Real About Law Firm Innovation](#)”

[@The Attic](#), 26 September 2018, Michele is interviewed by Kayleigh Ziolo, “[Legal Upheaval: In Conversation with ‘Legal Rebel,’ Michele DeStefano](#)”

*The September 2018 Issue of the Orange Rag – The LegalIT Insider Newsletter* [LegalIT Insider](#): 26 September 2018

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@Above the Law, 25 September 2018, Michele is quoted in “[You Want Innovation in Legal? Legal Ops Needs To Drive the Conversation,](#)” by Mike Quartararo

@Above the Law, 20 September 2018, Michele's book, *Legal Upheaval*, is reviewed “[Innovation in Legal Services: A Pipe Dream or a Necessity,](#)” by Nicole Black

@HLS Celebration '65 15 September, 2018, Michele is featured in a panel on Law Teaching (upcoming)

Cohen, Mark A. *GCs How Will Legal Education and Training Keep Pace with Change?*  
[Forbes:](#) 10 September 2018

@Corporate Counsel powered by Law.com: 23 August 2018, Michele's book, *Legal Upheaval*, is reviewed “[GC's Who Want Outside Counsel 'Innovation,' Need to Define it, Author Says](#)” by Sue Reisinger

@Bloomberg Law, Michele's book, *Legal Upheaval*, is mentioned by Rick Mitchell

@Law360.com, Michele's book, *Legal Upheaval*, is featured, “[Lawyers Need to Disrupt Themselves to Succeed,](#)” by Michele Gorman

@Law.com, Michele's book, *Legal Upheaval*, is reviewed, “[Ahead of the Curve: A 'Legal Upheaval' for Law Schools?,](#)” by Karen Sloan

@BeyondBillables.com 18 July 2018, Michele is featured in a podcast (upcoming)

@Iberian Lawyer, 27 July 2018, Michele is selected to be a judge for the Iberian Lawyer Gold Awards, recognizing excellence among in-house lawyers and compliance professionals.

Irvine, Heather M. *Muhlenberg College Student's Program Would Bring Legal Assistance to Refugees.*  
[LeHigh Valley Live:](#) 24 July 2018

Ferguson, Caroline. *The Big Idea: Collaboration and Diversity Drives Innovation.*  
[Simpson Grierson:](#) 05 July 2018

@Legal Practice Intelligence: 04 July 2018, Michele judges winners of the 2018 Legal Innovation Index

@The Hedge Fund Law Report: 14 June 2018, Michele is quoted about the role of the Chief Compliance Officer and the structure of the compliance function in “[What Fund Managers Should Consider When Hiring and Onboarding CCOs; Determining CCO Governance Structures; and Evaluating Risks of CCO Turnover \(Part Two of Three\)](#)” by Shaw Horton

Suokas, Erik. *LawWithoutWalls — is an unparalleled program in both design and application.*  
[The Hennick Centre:](#) 09 June 2018

@Legal IT Insider: 22 May 2018 Review of Michele's Talk @JDHorizons: *Leadership, change, marmalade martini, reinvention, Jam, and hats off for a 50%-plus female line-up.*

@JD Horizons, hosted by Janders Dean: “Leading in Law—Habits of Highly Effective Law Firm Leadership & Entrepreneurialism,” (May, 2018 London UK)

Ambrogi, Robert. *ConPosium Conference Highlights Innovation Prototypes in Law and Business.*  
[LawSites:](#) 6 April 2018

Andrew, Ed. *The Ed Andrew Podcast with Michele DeStefano*  
[The Human Consultancy:](#) 15 March 2018

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