

## Experience

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Michelle Gearity focuses her practice on helping clients navigate complex legal and regulatory tax and employee benefits issues related to corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and business succession planning. Michelle specializes in finding creative solutions for individual and corporate clients that are designed to help them achieve their financial objectives. Her practice includes counseling start-ups, family-owned businesses, and nonprofit organizations as well as private equity transactions. Michelle also represents clients before the IRS and State of Ohio in audit and collection proceedings.

Michelle is married and lives with her husband, son and two stepchildren in Shaker Heights. She is an avid runner and enjoys playing board games and going to the theater.

## Civic and Professional Involvement

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- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Tax Club of Cleveland
- Worldwide Employee Benefits Network- Cleveland Chapter
- Cuyahoga County Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition
- B'nai Jeshurun Congregation
- Cleveland Jewish Federation

## Accomplishments

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- "Rising Star," Ohio Super Lawyer, 2019-2021
- Carl Glickman Award for Academic Excellence in the JD/MBA program, 2015

## Presentations

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- Panel speaker at 61st Annual Cleveland Tax Institute 2018 (CMBA), November 15, 2018, "Doing Deals Post Tax Reform."
- The Ohio Society of CPAs: Northeast Ohio CPE Conference, December 19, 2017, Independence, OH: "Countdown Begins to Effective Date of Drastic Changes to IRS Partnership and LLC Audit Rules."

## Publications

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- Summer Lovin': Trade and Tax Reform Discussions Heat Up, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, May 2017

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**Practice Areas:**

- Business & Corporate
- Tax

**Bar Admissions:**

- Ohio
- U.S. Tax Court

**Education:**

- University of Miami (BA, *magna cum laude*, 2008)
- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (J.D., 2016)
- Cleveland State University (M.B.A., 2016)