

## Michelle Lopez

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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Labor & Employment; Latin America Practice; Franchise Law



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Michelle Lopez is a member of Buchalter's Labor and Employment practice group in the Firm's Los Angeles Office. Ms. Lopez represents employers in litigation involving claims of employment discrimination, wrongful termination, sexual harassment, and retaliation. She also routinely represents clients in class action and representative PAGA cases involving wage-and-hour allegations, including failure to pay regular and overtime wages, meal period and rest break violations, misclassification issues, piece-rate pay agreements, and reimbursement claims.

Focusing her practice primarily on employment and consumer protection class actions, Ms. Lopez also has ample experience representing both employees and consumers. Additionally, she previously interned in the Washington, D.C. office of Sanford Heisler Sharp, and for the Novo Nordisk pharmaceutical company in Princeton, New Jersey.

### Publications

- Coming In 2024: Proposed New Employment Laws Affecting California Employers, *Buchalter Client Alert*, September 28, 2023

### Presentations

- "Buchalter Labor & Employment 2023 Seminar," Smart Center , October 25, 2023

### Education

Ms. Lopez earned her J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law. During her time at San Francisco State University, she earned her B.S. in Political Science and served as a Legislative Intern for the United States Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

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### Bar Admissions

- California

### Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California

### Community

- Los Angeles County Bar Association

**Languages**

- Spanish