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— BIOGRAPHY

Michael McCarty Harrison is a partner in the firm's litigation practice group. She focuses her practice on insurance defense and coverage, products liability, medical malpractice, personal injury defense, transportation litigation, fire/arson investigation and defense and appellate advocacy.

Prior to joining the firm, Harrison spent 20 years developing a strong litigation practice in Little Rock and has been recognized for her work by *Mid-South Super Lawyers*.

She is a member of the Defense Research Institute and the Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel, of which she served as past President.

— EDUCATION

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, J.D., 1998
- University of Arkansas, B.A., Political Science/History, 1995

— NOTEWORTHY

- Elected to the Arkansas Bar Association's Board of Trustees, since 2020
- Former President Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel, 2016 – 2017
- Program Chair, Judge Henry Woods Inns of Court, 2024 – 2025 Named in *Arkansas Life Magazine's* Top Attorneys in Arkansas, since 2014
- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected to the *Mid-South Super Lawyers* List, since 2013
 - Rising Star, 2011-2012
- Named Henry Woods Trial Competition Winner, 1998
- Named in *Soiree Magazine* Best Attorneys in Arkansas, since 2014
- Received CALL's Excellence for the Future Award, Environmental Law, 1998
- Certified Little Rock District Court Small Claims Mediator
- Publications:
 - Author "Defending A Religious Institution Using the Charitable Immunity and Ecclesiastical Doctrine Defenses to Tort Liability," *Arkansas Law Notes*, Fall 2021
 - Author "Extent and Applicability of Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage in Arkansas," *The Arkansas Lawyer*, Spring 2020 Edition

Practice Areas

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- Co-Author "Punitive Damages: A State-by-State Compendium (Arkansas Section), *The DRI Defense Library Series*, 2009
- Co-Author "Admissibility of Evidence, a Manual for Arkansas Trial Lawyers," 1997 Pocket Part

- Presentations:

- Lorman Educational Services, "Extent and Applicability of Uninsured and Underinsured Coverage," 2025
 - International Association of Arson Investigators, "The Big Picture," 2023
 - Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, "Arkansas Law Update," 2023
 - Lorman Educational Services, "Uninsured and Underinsured Coverage," 2023
 - National Business Institute, "Extent and Applicability of Uninsured & Underinsured Coverage," 2022
 - Cincinnati Insurance Company, "Arkansas Law Update," 2022
- National Business Institute, "Auto Insurance Coverage Pitfalls," 2014
 - National Business Institute, "Advanced Uninsured and Underinsured Coverage in Arkansas," 2013
 - Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel, "Uninsured and Underinsured Case and Statutory Law Update, Annual Meeting," 2013
 - National Business Institute, "Determining Coverage in UM/UIM Claims," 2013
 - Arkansas Board of Trial Advocates, "From the Defense Perspective," 2012

— ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Past Chair of Membership Development, Current Board of Trustees
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Associate
- Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel, Past President
- Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers, Education Chair
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Pulaski County Bar Association
- SEABOTA, member

— ADMISSIONS

- Arkansas
- Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals
- Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas
- United States Supreme Court

— RECOGNITION

