

## **Michelle Austin**

Michelle Austin is a member of Austin Pamies Norris Weeks, LLC. Her practice involves providing legal counsel to business clients and representing them in their corporate and commercial transactions and related litigation. She also serves as Assistant City Attorney for several South Florida municipalities and serves as special counsel to others. Her clientele includes U.S. clients doing business in Haiti as well as Haiti-based clients needing legal representation in the U.S.

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