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Michelle Browning Coughlin is a partner in Wyatt Tarrant & Combs' Louisville office, where she serves on the Intellectual Property Protection & Litigation Service. Michelle brings her years of experience and skill to managing her client's brands, protecting client's rights of publicity, and drafting and negotiating complex technology agreements. Michelle has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star" in Intellectual Property since 2013; as a "Top Lawyer" in the areas of Trademark Law, Privacy Information Law; and Technology Law by Louisville Magazine, and as one of Louisville Business First's Forty Under 40 in 2013.

In addition to her law practice, Michelle is the founder and president of the national nonprofit organization MothersEsquire, which has nearly 5,000 members and advocates for gender equity and motherhood and caregiver issues. Michelle also serves as an adjunct professor of Gender Law & Policy at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. In 2018, Michelle was selected as the recipient of the Kentucky Bar Association's Nathaniel R. Harper Award for promoting diversity in the profession, as the Women Lawyers Association of Jefferson County Member of the Year 2018 for her work for gender equality, and in November 2019, she was recognized as one of the 100 Women Who Inspire Us by the American Bar Association's Women in Litigation Conference.

Michelle speaks frequently across the country on issues of gender equity in the profession, even including presenting oral arguments before the Florida Supreme Court in August 2019 on a gender equity rule change. Michelle served as the keynote speaker for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Women Lawyers of Jefferson County and the 2020 American Bar Association Women of Legal Tech Summit. She also serves on numerous diversity committees. And, finally, Michelle is the author of the children's book, *My Mom, the Lawyer*, published in Nov. 2019. Michelle and her husband Craig are the busy parents of two wonderful teenage daughters, Lane and Sloane.