

Abigail Van Hook

Associate

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OVERVIEW

Abigail maintains a dynamic, split practice that enables her to provide holistic counsel to clients facing both complex litigation and sophisticated real estate and finance disputes. She represents companies in a wide range of business disputes and high-stakes class action litigation, with a particular focus on insurance companies, CMBS special servicers, and other corporations of all sizes.

Abigail has experience defending clients in class actions arising under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and a variety of consumer protection statutes. She regularly defends clients in actions involving alleged fraud, unfair business practices, and nationwide warranty claims. Abigail appears in state and federal courts across the U.S., handling matters from internal investigations through arbitration, trial, and appeal.

Drawing on her deep experience in complex commercial litigation, she not only litigates high-exposure matters but also partners with clients to develop robust consumer compliance programs designed to mitigate risk and prevent future litigation.

On the real estate and finance side, Abigail represents secured lenders and other financial market participants in disputes involving hotels, multifamily projects, retail centers, and office buildings. Her practice includes loan enforcement, receivership matters, and real estate-related litigation including lien priority and mechanics' lien disputes.

Abigail is passionate about using her position of advocacy to advance justice and maintains a robust pro bono practice.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation (2023-2026)*
- The National Black Lawyers, Top 40 Under 40, Black Lawyers in Illinois (2021)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring

- Class Action
- Litigation + Trial
- Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Special Servicing
- Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)
- Insurance Commercial Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Associate Board, 2026 Sneaker Ball co-chair, After School Matters
- Pathfinders Program, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2024)
- Member, Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, National Bar Association
- Public Interest Law Initiative Alumni Network Leadership Council (PILI)
- U.S. Board, Play N Learn Foundation Ghana (PAL USA)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2018
- North Central College, B.A., 2015

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Hot Topics in Litigation: AI and Class Action Litigation,” Black Women Lawyers’ Association, Corporate Counsel Committee 2025, Half-Day CLE & Reception, April 17, 2025.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “Illinois Supreme Court Says Five Year Statute of Limitations for BIPA Claims,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, February 2, 2023.
- Co-author, “BIPA in Play, Lower Courts Have Their Say,” Locke Lord, December 2022.