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OVERVIEW

Hannah focuses her practice on complex litigation and arbitration, representing clients in matters involving breach of contract, loss-sensitive insurance programs, and reinsurance treaty disputes. Her experience includes research, discovery management, depositions, drafting dispositive and nondispositive motions, amicus briefs, hearings, pre-trial, trial, post-trial, and appeals. Hannah also develops theories and strategies for class actions, private litigation, and enforcement actions by federal and state agencies related to data collection, use, sharing, and protection.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Regularly represents reinsurance companies in disputes regarding reinsurance treaty issues.
- Lead associate in several complex arbitrations involving \$100 million disputes for reinsurer over long-term care insurance policies.
- Represented a national service organization at trial concerning disputes related to breach of contract and fraud.
- Assisted in obtaining a \$3.6 million arbitration award for a national insurance company related to workers' compensation policy disputes.
- Assisted in obtaining summary judgment in favor of a trade association dismissing claims related to defamation and commercial disparagement.

AWARDS

- *Super Lawyers®* Illinois Rising Star, Business Litigation (2025)
- William & Mary Spring Tournament, Best Oralist Award (2019)
- John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition, First Place (2018)
- Notre Dame 1L Moot Court Board Tournament, First Place (2017)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Class Action](#)
- [Data + Privacy](#)

- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Class Action
- Data + Privacy
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Privacy + Cyber

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Pathfinders Program, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2026)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Notre Dame the Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2019, managing senior editor, *Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy*; president, Moot Court Board
- University of Illinois, B.S., 2015, economics and philosophy

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Cybersecurity Safe Harbors – One Step Forward and Two Steps Back," Locke Lord, August 2024.
- Co-author, "More Safe Harbor Protections for Navigating Cyber and Privacy Litigation," Locke Lord, December 2023.
- Co-author, "The Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act's Scope is Shaped by Courts, With No Legislative Relief in Sight," *Pratt's Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report*, October 2022.
- Co-author, "BIPA's Scope Shaped by Courts With No Legislative Relief in Sight," Locke Lord, July 2022.
- Co-author, "'Safe Harbor' Ports in a Cybersecurity Litigation Storm," Locke Lord, January 2022.
- Co-author, "'Safe Harbor' Ports in a Cybersecurity Litigation Storm," Locke Lord, Fall 2021.
- Co-author, "Taking Stock of Non-Monetary Settlement Provisions," Locke Lord, Winter 2021.
- Co-author, "Conduct Remedies: The Undervalued Element of Cybersecurity and Privacy Class Actions," *Cybersecurity Law Report*, February 24, 2021.

- Co-author, “Taking Stock Of Nonmonetary Privacy Settlement Provisions,” *Law360* February 10, 2021.
- Co-author, “Illinois Adopts Substantial Workers’ Compensation Reform to Address COVID-19,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, June 9, 2020.
- Co-author, “An Overview of Key Issues in Privacy and Cyber Litigation,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, June 2, 2020.