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Julie is a versatile litigator, representing financial institutions and corporate clients in class actions and complex litigation across the U.S. She brings extensive experience in all stages of a dispute, including early settlements, motion practice, discovery, trials, and appeals.

OVERVIEW

Julie defends clients in class actions involving federal and state antitrust statutes, such as price fixing and boycott claims under the Sherman Act. She also handles consumer class actions related to fraud and statutory violations. Julie's appellate work includes cases before the Second, Seventh, and Eighth Circuits.

In addition to antitrust and consumer litigation, Julie enforces restrictive covenants and litigates trade secret misappropriation claims across various industries, including financial services, health care, and consulting. She secures injunctions to prevent irreparable harm and prosecutes damages claims for contractual violations and trade secret theft.

Julie also handles a wide variety of other litigation involving unique issues important to clients, such as contract disputes.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Antitrust Class Action Litigation

- Represents a national university as lead counsel in class action pending in the United States District Court for the District Northern District of Illinois where plaintiffs allege that the College Board and 40 universities violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act by agreeing to collect noncustodial parent financial information through the College Board's CSS Profile, a standardized financial aid application that educational institutions may opt to use to collect information about an applicant's need for financial aid. *Hansen v. Northwestern University, et al.*
- Representing a large financial institution in class actions involving antitrust and commodities fraud claims relating to alleged manipulation of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and other benchmark interest rates.
- Representing a large financial institution in class actions involving antitrust claims relating to alleged manipulation of foreign exchange benchmarks.
- Representing a large insurance company in multidistrict litigation involving lawsuits filed by auto body shop

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owners throughout the U.S. alleging antitrust violations.

Other Commercial Litigation

- Representing trade associations in challenging new state laws.
- Representing a national materials manufacturer in a retailer termination dispute.
- Representing a leading life settlements company in a dispute with an alleged agent.
- Representing a global electronics manufacturer and seller in unfair competition, trade secret, and trademark infringement litigation related to IP speaker technology.
- Representing a large insurance company retrocessionaire in a contractual dispute with a reinsurer.
- Representing a well-known athletic equipment company in litigation involving a contractual dispute with a former warehouse provider for a wholly owned subsidiary.

AWARDS

- *Crain's Chicago Business,* Notable Leader in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (2023)
- American Bar Association, Outstanding Performance Award (2023)
- National LGBT Bar Association, 40 Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40 (2021)
- *Crain's Chicago Business*, Notable LGBTQ Executives (2021)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Class Action
- Consumer Financial Services
- Litigation + Trial
- Noncompete + Trade Secrets

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Artificial Intelligence
- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Consumer Financial Services
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Noncompete + Trade Secrets

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, American Bar Association
  - Appointed liaison, Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
  - Antitrust Section
  - Vice chair, Books & Treatises Committee

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    - Litigation Section
- Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2020)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- William & Mary Law School, J.D., 2007
- Dartmouth College, B.A., *cum laude*, 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Wisconsin

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Civil Antitrust Litigation Basics and Hot Topics,” Dartmouth Lawyers Association: Annual Meeting, February 23-26, 2023.
- Speaker, “What’s Ahead for Antitrust Law and Enforcement: Congress,” Locke Lord, April 8, 2021.
- Speaker, “Antitrust Issues with Big Data and Algorithms,” Locke Lord, February 6, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “How Market Definition Fueled Antitrust Win For Apple,” *Law360,* December 17, 2021.
- Author, “Market Definition Is Front and Center in Recent Decision Dismissing App Developers’ Antitrust Claims Against Apple,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, December 6, 2021.
- Author, “What’s Ahead for Antitrust Law and Enforcement – Rewriting the Sherman and Clayton Acts,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, April 21, 2021.
- Author, “Demand for Health and Cleaning Products in the Wake of COVID-19 Amplifies Scrutiny of Antitrust Concerns,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 11, 2020.
- Author, “Issue Certification under Rule 23(c)(4) Experiences a Resurgence Despite a Circuit Split,” ABA Section of Litigation – *Class Actions & Derivative Suits Newsletter*, Winter 2020.
- Co-author, “Annual Review of Antitrust Law Developments, Private Antitrust Suits,” American Bar Association,

March 1, 2020.