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OVERVIEW

Katie is a commercial litigator who focuses her practice on complex business and financial services disputes. She represents mortgage servicers, banks, insurers, investment and real estate companies, and other service providers in high-stakes litigation involving breach of contract, business torts, RICO and False Claims Act allegations, class actions, and insurance and real estate-related claims. Katie is frequently engaged to defend clients in matters arising out of failed transactions, foreclosure and guaranty enforcement, warranty and service agreements, and alleged fraud, as well as to manage subpoena and third-party discovery in large, multiparty cases and MDLs.

Katie has experience at every stage of litigation in state and federal courts, including dispositive motion practice, complex discovery, arbitration enforcement, and pretrial and trial preparation. She handles fact-intensive matters efficiently, coordinates with joint defense groups, and positions cases for favorable resolution on the eve of trial when appropriate.

Recognized as “One to Watch” in commercial litigation by *Best Lawyers*, Katie brings a practical, business-oriented approach to defending her clients’ key relationships and core operations.

In addition to her commercial practice, Katie is deeply committed to mentorship and pro bono service. She mentors younger lawyers and law students through bar and affinity-bar programs and has devoted significant time to impact pro bono matters, including nuisance-abatement cases on behalf of community organizations and immigration appeals on behalf of individuals seeking protection in the United States.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing community members in claims asserted against long-standing nuisance property to abate illicit and illegal activity.
- Assisted in the past and ongoing defense of a mortgage servicing company in a federal False Claims Act lawsuit involving alleged violations of state and federal servicing statutes and requirements, including extensive management of discovery strategy and efforts.
- Second-chaired pre-trial efforts for a commercial dispute in federal court, resulting in a resolution of the matter before trial.
- Assisted in defending a large European financial institution in pre-trial efforts arising from alleged violations of

Federal Know Your Customer requirements.

- Assisted in the past and ongoing defense of medical professionals in a commercial dispute involving RICO claims for alleged conduct arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Assisted in defending a former corporate officer against alleged antitrust violations, culminating in a settlement on behalf of the client prior to trial.
- Assisted in drafting an appellate briefing for a national mortgage servicing company that resulted in affirming the lower court's summary judgment ruling.
- Assisted in defending and helping obtain summary judgment for a medical device manufacturer.
- Assisted in the representation of a national furniture retailer against claims arising from sexual harassment and discrimination allegations.
- Assisted in defending a resort and real estate company against class action claims arising from alleged violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Assisted in defending and trial preparation of a medical device manufacturer in a product liability suit; the jury ultimately reached a complete defense verdict.
- Assisted in the representation of consumer financial services companies against wrongful foreclosure and related claims.
- Assisted in conducting expert witness discovery in complex multidistrict litigation in state and federal court, including preparing to take and defend expert depositions and preparing expert witnesses for trial.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2023-2026)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Business Litigation
- False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions
- Financial Services Litigation
- Product Liability

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- Antitrust
- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Commercial Contracting
- Consumer Financial Services
- False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Mass Torts Claims + Litigation
- Product Liability

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
 - Mentor, Dallas Bar Association's STEER Program
- Member, Dallas Women Lawyers Association
 - Mentor, Dallas Women Lawyers Association's Mentoring Circles Program

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2016, case note and comment editor, *SMU Law Review* Association
- University of North Texas, MLIS, 2009
- Southern Methodist University, 2007, history

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Richard A. Schell, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, 2016