



Rachel M. Riley

Partner

Litigation

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Rachel Riley focuses her practice on federal criminal defense. She has successfully prevented indictments, gotten charges dismissed and obtained favorable sentences for clients. Notably, Rachel also has earned acquittals in federal court on multiple counts of fraud. Her practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement matters and internal investigations. Rachel has represented clients in matters involving health care fraud, embezzlement, securities fraud, public corruption and various other economic crimes. She regularly appears before the Department of Justice, the SEC and other state and federal agencies. She also served as federal trial counsel and argued dispositive motions in both state and federal court.

Knowing the prosecutor's business and the client's is vital to the defense

Rachel has worked for numerous former federal prosecutors and understands how the Department of Justice approaches a case. While sworn-in as an Assistant District Attorney on a three-month special assignment to the Dallas County District Attorney's office, Rachel tried numerous cases to verdict, gaining valuable experience as a prosecutor. She recognizes that knowing her client's business is key to building a defense against charges. It also is important in order to properly advise a company or individual on how to avoid problems in the future.

During law school, Rachel was a staff editor for *The SMU Science and Technology Law Review*. She also interned for the Honorable Judge Jane Boyle in the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas and for the Honorable Justice Elizabeth Lang-Miers in the Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals.

Representative Experience

- Second-chaired a federal health care fraud case alleging Anti-Kickback violations and violations of the Controlled Substance Act. Obtained acquittal for the client, a physician, on seven counts.

Practices

- Health Care
- Insurance and Health Care Fraud Litigation
- Litigation
- White Collar and Internal Investigations

Education

- JD, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, *cum laude*
- BS, Texas Tech University, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- US District Court, Northern District of Texas
- US District Court, Southern District of Texas
- US District Court, Western District of Texas

Community Involvements

- Peter J. Riley Foundation, Director
- Federal Bar Association
- Women's White Collar Defense Association
- Dallas Bar Association, Criminal Defense and Securities Section Member

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- Represented a marketer in a \$400 million health care fraud scheme, obtaining a favorable sentence for the client.
- Represented insurance business owner during a multiple-week federal bribery trial.
- Drafted and successfully argued a motion to suppress in a federal case that was featured on the front page of the *Dallas Morning News*. Obtained the dismissal of two counts for the client and his immediate release from jail.*
- First chair of bench trial in breach of contract dispute. Secured win.*
- Represented client charged via complaint with theft at the state level. Obtained a no-bill from the grand jury.*
- First chaired multiple misdemeanor criminal trials at the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.*
- Represented key witness charged with conspiracy in a large-scale public corruption case. Obtained sentence of probation.*
- Represented large retailer in conducting an internal investigation regarding a matter under FINRA's jurisdiction.*
- Represented large financial services company in conducting an internal investigation regarding a matter under the SEC's jurisdiction. Also advised in defense of a shareholder class-action lawsuit alleging securities law violations.*
- Represented individual charged with criminal violations of the FDCA for the promotion and sale of synthetic marijuana.*
- Represented dietary supplement company owner under investigation for alleged criminal FDCA violations.*
- Represented executive in alleged health care fraud scheme.*
- Represented professional athlete in alleged criminal tax evasion scheme.*
- Represented federally insured financial institution in relation to a cybersecurity breach and the compromise of personally identifiable information.*
- Represented industrial gas company in internal investigation regarding a special inquiry issued by the US Department of Energy Inspector General in conjunction with the Defense Contract Audit Agency concerning the alleged misuse of government contract funds.*

*Experience prior to Katten

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Ones to Watch
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2021–2025
- *Chambers USA*
 - Litigation: White: Collar Crime & Government Investigations, 2025
- *D Magazine*
 - Best Lawyers in Dallas, 2024-2025
 - Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40, 2023–2025
- *Super Lawyers*
 - Top Women Rising Stars, Texas, Criminal Defense; White Collar, 2020–2021
- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
 - Texas, 2018–2024

News

- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- *D Magazine* Recognizes Eight Dallas Partners as 2025 Best Lawyers (April 30, 2025)
- Four Katten Partners Make *D Magazine's* 2025 "Best Lawyers Under 40" List (January 9, 2025)
- Katten Dallas Attorneys Recognized by Texas Super Lawyers 2024 (September 17, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers®* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- *D Magazine* Features 13 Dallas Partners as 2024 Best Lawyers (April 24, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 Super Lawyers Texas Rising Stars List (March 21, 2024)
- Banner Year for Katten on *D Magazine's* 2024 'Best Lawyers Under 40' List (January 11, 2024)

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- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2023 Super Lawyers Texas Rising Stars List (March 27, 2023)
- *D Magazine* Honors Ryan Meyer and Rachel Riley on Its 2023 'Best Lawyers Under 40' List (January 6, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by 2022 Texas *Super Lawyers* (September 23, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Names New Partners (July 26, 2022)
- Rachel Riley Talks About Her Career, Enforcement Trends With *The Texas Lawbook* (April 21, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Super Lawyers Texas Rising Stars List (March 29, 2022)
- Mark Solomon Interviewed by *The Texas Lawbook* about the Dallas Office's Successes and Challenges in 2020 (August 27, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Corporate, Litigation and Tax Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers 2021 Texas Rising Stars List (March 26, 2021)
- Texas Super Lawyers Honors Five Katten Attorneys as Top Women, Rising Stars (December 16, 2020)
- Katten Team Successfully Obtains Acquittal for Doctor on Health Care Fraud Charges (December 1, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2020 Texas Super Lawyers List (October 19, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 6, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for Top Women Texas Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (February 5, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for 2019 Texas Super Lawyers List (September 3, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2019 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 12, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2018 Texas *Super Lawyers* List (September 6, 2018)

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Presentations and Events

- NACD Expert Series With Katten (June 14, 2021) | *Presenter*