

Lari A. Dierks

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Litigation

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Lari Dierks concentrates her practice on complex litigation matters with a particular focus on white-collar defense, financial markets litigation and regulatory defense. Lari negotiates and presents legal options to clients based on their business models and individual needs.

Providing insight and advocacy tailored to your unique business objectives and your industry's regulatory framework

Lari counsels clients on civil and criminal inquiries initiated by the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other government entities. Lari also represents clients in related complex litigation in both state and federal courts around the country. Based on her extensive experience with government regulators, Lari helps clients navigate applicable financial rules and regulations. Relying on her ability to understand how regulators approach an investigation, Lari also counsels clients on solutions once the government has initiated an investigation.

Lari has tried numerous bench trials and secured victory in a jury trial involving a robbery felony charge. She also serves as a member of the Illinois Judicial Conference's Court Funding Task Force. While in law school, Lari served as an extern for the Honorable Thomas L. Kilbride, Illinois Supreme Court Justice for the Third District. Prior to law school, as lead pension analyst for the Illinois House of Representatives, Office of the Speaker, she worked with state and local pension funds on investment and benefit administration regulation.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter
 - Award for Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest Service, 2023
- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
 - Illinois, 2021–2025

Practices

- Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement
- Litigation
- White Collar and Internal Investigations

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law, *cum laude*
- BA, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Community Involvements

- Illinois Judicial Conference, Court Funding Task Force, Member
- Women's Bar Foundation Board of Directors, Member
- Illinois Legal Aid Online, Young Professionals Board, Co-Chair
- Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership, Class of 2015

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News

- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 31, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2024)
- Federal Bar Association Lauds Four White Collar Attorneys for Pro Bono Work (May 2, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 28, 2022)