



# Michael Beirne

## Associate

### Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement

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**Michael Beirne supports individuals and companies who provide financial services with investigations and enforcement actions. He uses his banking experience to help clients navigate the complex and overlapping network of public and private regulators.**

#### Using practical experience to cut through complex matters

Michael has spent his career helping individuals and companies within the financial industry manage their compliance needs, and loves working within the intricate web of rules supporting our financial system.

Prior to Katten, he gained hands-on experience working for one of America's largest banks as a retail branch compliance manager. He educated staff on their regulatory responsibilities under countless financial rules ranging from the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). He also investigated internal and external fraud, and he studied to become a regional authority on implementation of the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA).

During law school, Michael enhanced his regulatory acumen in a variety of courses and earned the Kirkland & Ellis Scholars award in Securities Regulation. He also expanded his interests to criminal law as an editor on the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*.

After graduation, he developed his litigation and investigatory skills at the Federal Defender Program as Katten's Public Interest Fellow. At the Federal Defender, he helped his clients achieve optimal outcomes in the face of daunting criminal charges, including securities fraud, embezzlement, honest services, and SBA loan fraud.

#### Practices

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- Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement

#### Education

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- JD, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
- BA, University of California, Santa Cruz

#### Bar Admissions

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- Illinois

#### Court Admissions

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- Northern District of Illinois, General Bar