



# Yelena Shagall

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**Yelena Shagall concentrates her practice in litigation matters, including insurance and health care fraud. Her clients are typically large national insurers who offer various types of insurance, including automobile, property and health insurance. Yelena also advises clients on various business issues, including analysis of claims activity and litigation strategies, to combat systemic insurance fraud.**

## **Resolving or minimizing issues before they get to court**

Yelena has extensive experience in evaluating and minimizing risk to her clients. She counsels clients regarding different approaches to claims handling to reduce or prevent improper payments. Yelena also focuses on tailoring strategies to particular claims handling environments and jurisdictions across the country. In addition, Yelena has helped develop creative strategies for matters that align with each client's long-term objectives and priorities.

Yelena also has worked with medical experts and other subject matter experts who assist in evaluating the potential for fraud. She has a history of collaborating efficiently and effectively with other attorneys and insurers nationwide to identify fraudulent claim trends. Finally, she has experience identifying and keeping track of the parties driving systemic fraudulent insurance claims before such claims are made or paid.

Yelena takes pride in being part of Katten's insurance fraud team. She stays current on the latest legal deterrence strategies used to stop or limit fraudulent insurance claims practices, and maintains regular contact with her clients and colleagues regarding developments in the laws and practices of jurisdictions across the country. Yelena also attends and participates in meetings with clients across the country to discuss emerging trends in fraudulent claims for insurance and health care benefits.

In addition to her regular practice, Yelena regularly provides pro bono services to clients. In 2015, Yelena successfully represented a pro bono client in his habeas appeal in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

## **Practices**

- Insurance and Health Care Fraud Litigation
- Litigation

## **Education**

- JD, Harvard Law School
- BA, University of Illinois at Chicago

## **Bar Admissions**

- Illinois

## **Court Admissions**

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

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## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
  - Illinois, 2018, 2020–2021

## News

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- Katten Attorneys Chosen for 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2020)
- Katten Elevates Attorneys to Partner (September 3, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2018)