

Michael J. Chiusano

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Litigation

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Named a Texas Rising Star two years in a row by *Super Lawyers*, Michael Chiusano represents his clients in complex commercial litigation and business disputes. His practice is diverse, encompassing consumer-class-action-defense, corporate, energy, healthcare, agricultural, employment, and intellectual-property litigation.

A rising star in complex commercial litigation

As one client told *U.S. News & World Report* for its Best Law Firms list, Michael, like one of his Katten partners, is focused on the client's best interests and gives 100 percent all the time. The client said, “Michael Chiusano is an up-and-coming litigator who works with David [Crichlow] and who has the same attitude and commitment. They make a great team.”

Before commercial litigation, Michael focused on mergers-and-acquisition litigation. He is equipped to counsel corporate and litigation clients regarding all phases of the significant asset purchase or sale, including drafting and interpreting purchasing agreements, evaluating risk, preserving privilege during due diligence, investigating potential claims, making pre-suit indemnity demands, pursuing alternatives to litigation, and pursuing contract, common-law and fraud-based claims on behalf of buyers and sellers alike.

Representative Experience

- Obtained over $520 million in settlement money on behalf of a Global Fortune 500 Company over a three-year period in confidential arbitration proceedings involving force-majeure and efficient-breach issues.
- Obtained complete dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction on behalf of a client following oral argument before a judge in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas.
- Following a three-hour evidentiary hearing obtained a temporary injunction on behalf of a client and real estate investment firm to

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
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Education

- JD, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- AB, Princeton University

Bar Admissions

- Texas
- New York

Court Admissions

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

stop a lender's foreclosure on a multi-million-dollar apartment complex that the Firm's client intended to purchase.

- Following a two-hour evidentiary hearing obtained a temporary injunction on behalf of a client and medical-service provider to cease a medical-billing company's theft of confidential patient information.
- On behalf of a private-equity firm and purchaser of the division of a company, assisted a multi-state and multi-disciplinary team of lawyers in prosecuting fraud claims against the seller in Delaware Superior Court that resulted in the private-equity firm receiving a settlement exceeding $45 million.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
  - Texas, 2018–2020

News

- Katten Represents Gamut Capital Management in Acquisition of Acousti Engineering Company (April 13, 2026)
- From NY County DA's Office to Commercial Litigation in Dallas, Michael Chiusano Shares Career Journey With *Texas Lawbook* (May 26, 2022)
- *Law360* Celebrates Katten's New Partner Class (February 8, 2021)
- Katten Announces New Partner Class (October 30, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2020 Texas Super Lawyers List (October 19, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 6, 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)
- Katten Represents Resort Company in RICO Suit (May 4, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2018 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 13, 2018)

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Presentations and Events

- Mini Negotiations: Small Skills. Big Impact. (March 18, 2026)