

Rachel M. Riley

Partner

Litigation

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Rachel Riley is an experienced trial lawyer who handles complex, high-stakes litigation, restructuring-related disputes and government investigations. She has tried multiple cases in federal court and handled dispositive motions in state and federal courts. Rachel has secured acquittals in federal court on multiple counts of fraud and has successfully prevented indictments, obtained dismissals and achieved favorable sentences for her clients. She has also briefed and argued matters before federal appellate courts.

Rachel's restructuring practice includes internal and independent investigations and contested matters arising in Chapter 11 cases. It also includes disputes involving complex financial transactions, intercompany relationships, asset sales, fiduciary duties and allegations of financial misconduct. Her broader litigation and investigations experience encompasses securities and healthcare fraud, embezzlement, public corruption and other economic crimes. She regularly represents clients before the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and other state and federal agencies.

Courtroom experience and business fluency drive her approach

Rachel combines substantial courtroom experience with a practical understanding of her clients' businesses and the financial transactions underlying their disputes. Her extensive experience in federal investigations and criminal proceedings gives her insight into how the government evaluates evidence, develops cases and assesses potential resolutions. During a special assignment as an Assistant District Attorney with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Rachel tried numerous cases to verdict, gaining firsthand experience as a prosecutor.

Whether representing a client in a restructuring dispute, complex litigation or a government investigation, Rachel works to understand the client's business, the relevant financial relationships and the broader commercial consequences of the matter. That perspective enables her to develop

Practices

- Healthcare
- Insurance and Healthcare Fraud Litigation
- Litigation
- Restructuring
- 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

Professional & Community Involvement

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

effective litigation strategies, assess risk and help clients address potential problems before they become larger disputes.

Representative Experience

- Second-chaired a federal healthcare fraud case alleging Anti-Kickback violations and violations of the Controlled Substance Act. Obtained acquittal for the client, a physician, on seven counts.
- Represented a marketer in a $400 million healthcare 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 healthcare 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

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2027
  - Ones to Watch
    - Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2021–2026
- *Chambers USA*
  - Litigation: White: Collar Crime & Government Investigations, 2025-2026
- *D Magazine*
  - Best Lawyers in Dallas, 2024-2026
  - Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40, 2023–2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2026
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Top Women Rising Stars, Texas, Criminal Defense; White Collar, 2020–2021
- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
  - Texas, 2018–2026
- Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP Pro Bono Service Award
  - 2025

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Earns Top Rankings in the Legal 500 US 2026 Guide (June 10, 2026)
- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)

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- Eight Dallas Partners Make *D Magazine*'s 2026 Best Lawyers List (May 6, 2026)
- Brandon McCarthy Defends 81-Year-Old Doctor in Dismissed Kickback Case (April 6, 2026)
- *D Magazine* Names Four Katten Partners to 2026 ‘Best Lawyers Under 40' List (January 16, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers Texas List for 2025 (October 31, 2025)
- Katten Announces 2025 Pro Bono Service Award Recipients (October 22, 2025)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- *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)
- 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)

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- 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)

Presentations and Events

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