

Charles A. DeVore

Partner and Co-Chair, Commercial Litigation Practice and Deputy General Counsel

Litigation

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Charlie DeVore focuses his practice on commercial litigation, enforcement actions and government investigations. His clients include large publicly traded companies and executives in highly regulated industries, as well as financial institutions. Charlie is skilled in investigations and litigation, and leverages those skills to execute strategies for resolving high-stakes and complex regulatory inquiries and litigation matters.

Knowing each industry's regulatory pitfalls is key to developing a winning legal strategy

Charlie conducts effective investigations by leveraging his knowledge of the regulatory frameworks for his clients' industries. He develops a firm footing in the factual intricacies of a case and then implements an efficient plan to drive an appropriate resolution, whether that means negotiating an appropriate result or taking a case to trial.

Charlie represents clients in high-stakes, complex business disputes and class-action matters including cases arising under financial regulations, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and the Illinois Biometric Privacy Act. His white-collar and government investigations experience includes matters relating to the False Claims Act, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and financial industry regulations. Charlie’s litigation experience includes bench and jury trials, appellate briefing and arguments, alternative dispute resolution, and managing complex discovery issues.

He represents clients in enforcement proceedings and regulatory investigations before the Federal Trade Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and self-regulatory bodies.

Additionally, Charlie maintains an active pro bono practice. He worked with Northwestern University's Bluhm Legal Clinic to overturn the conviction of a client who had been wrongfully convicted of first-degree murder and imprisoned for 15 years. Charlie also was appointed by the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to represent an indigent client challenging a criminal conviction, and serves as an investigator for the Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee.

Practices

- Biometric Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Consumer Finance Litigation and Regulatory Compliance
- Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement
- International Arbitration
- Litigation
- White Collar and Internal Investigations

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law, *cum laude*
- MAT, The Johns Hopkins University
- BA, University of Missouri

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- US District Court, District of Colorado
- US District Court, Central District of Illinois
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- US District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Professional & Community Involvement

- ACLU of Illinois, Board of Directors

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Crain's Chicago Business*
  - Notable Rising Stars in Law, 2021
- Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP Pro Bono Service Award
  - 2020
- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
  - Illinois, 2017–2021
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2025

News

- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- Charles DeVore and David Luger Named to *Crain's Chicago Business* 2021 Notable Rising Stars in Law (September 7, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Honored for Their Sustained Commitment to Pro Bono Service Including COVID-Related Work (October 28, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2020)
- Katten Elevates Attorneys to Partner (September 3, 2019)
- Super Lawyers Lists Honor More Than 50 Katten Attorneys in Illinois (January 24, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Illinois *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (January 13, 2017)
- Katten Pro Bono Team Helps Clear Wrongly Convicted Man of Murder Charge (June 8, 2015)

Publications

- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 7 (July 2023)

- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 6 (June 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 15 (June 13, 2023)
- Financial Industry Must Beware Rising BIPA Litigation Tide (June 1, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 13 (April 25, 2023)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 4 (April 20, 2023)
- BIPA: What Recent Court Decisions Mean for the Financial Industry (April 3, 2023)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 3 (March 21, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 12 (March 17, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 11 (February 21, 2023)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Bytes* | Issue 2 (February 9, 2023)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Bytes* | Issue 1 (January 17, 2023)
- Importing BIPA to New York: Biometric Law Enforcement on the Horizon (January 6, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 6 (September 15, 2022)
- FINRA Proposes Trade Reporting Requirements for OTC Options Transactions (September 7, 2022)

Presentations and Events

- Family Business Through a Legal Lens (April 29, 2025)
- General Counsel Conference Midwest 2025 (April 9, 2025) | *Moderator* | *Adapting to Change: Litigation Trends Shaping 2025*
- Charting a Course for Family Business Legal Leadership: GCs and Principals in Dialogue (April 16, 2024) | *Co-Presenter* | *Addressing the Unexpected Lawsuit/Settlement: BIPA madness*
- Emerging Trends in Biometric Data Regulation and Litigation (July 13, 2023)

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- General Counsel Conference Midwest (April 19–20, 2023) | *Presenter* | *Emerging Trends in Biometric Data Regulation and Litigation*