

Crain's Chicago Business 2025 Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys Features Three Katten Partners

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Katten Partners Gil Soffer, Daniel Collins and Michael Diver were named to the Crain's Chicago Business list of Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys 2025. This year's list included 92 total honorees recognized for shaping precedent and advocating for clients across industries and issues in the Chicago area. All nominees must serve in senior leadership roles and have worked in the profession for at least 10 years. Crain's editors reviewed the nominees.

Gil Soffer, Katten Chairman, has served as the independent monitor in a global opioid settlement, and was previously a DOJ/SEC-appointed corporate compliance monitor in a major Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) case. Gil is also WLS-TV/Channel 7's chief legal analyst. He previously headed the Chicago Bar Foundation Investing in Justice Campaign, which raised \$1.4 million for pro bono services, and he served as Chair of the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission.

Daniel Collins is a partner in Katten's White Collar and Internal Investigations practice. He joined the firm after 10 years as a federal prosecutor, where he served as deputy chief in the Special Prosecutions Section. Notably, Daniel led the defense of former House Speaker Michael Madigan in a four-month trial and defended a health care provider, securing dismissal of all felony charges after six weeks of trial. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has won awards from the DOJ and FBI.

Katten Co-Chair of the Securities Litigation Department and Chair of the Securities Enforcement Defense, Michael Diver's recognition included his work representing multiple financial services firms in the SEC's high-profile "off-channel communications" investigations. He also represents public companies and executives in securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits and regulatory investigations. Michael and his wife are supporters of the Greater Chicago Food Depository and NMDP, a nonprofit focused on bone marrow and blood stem cell transplants.

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