Litigation

When sophisticated litigants face off in matters involving complex legal issues and high stakes, the need for highly skilled litigators is critical. Katten's Litigation department regularly takes on complex disputes involving novel issues that expand the boundaries of established case law. Our litigators represent companies in a wide variety of industries, with a focus on financial services and healthcare industries. Our clients recognize and appreciate that our seasoned white collar, complex commercial and class action litigators have a deep understanding of their businesses, which makes us ideally suited to pursue results aligned with their specific business needs.

Government experience

We have a deep bench of former prosecutors who come from a variety of government agencies, at both federal and state levels. This experience gives our litigators credibility with investigating agencies and a deep understanding of the process, both of which directly benefit our clients. When our clients face any of a wide range of financial services or healthcare violations, we are able to represent them effectively at every stage of the process, from the initial investigation through trial. Furthermore, we have developed a strong team of litigators who regularly conduct high-level internal and criminal investigations, reporting to boards or C-suite executives.

Thinking ahead for our clients

Whenever possible, our litigators use their business acumen to help clients develop strategies to avoid litigation altogether. Our vast experience handling large-scale complex litigation in multiple jurisdictions has given us unique insight into what our clients can do proactively to minimize their legal exposure. Even as we focus on the lawsuit at hand, we are constantly thinking about strategic remedial measures our clients can implement to improve their compliance and reduce future risk.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Benchmark Litigation*
  - Highly Recommended
    - Illinois, 2018

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- *Best Law Firms*
  - Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law
    - National, 2012–2026
    - Chicago, 2011–2026
    - New York, 2019–2026
  - Commercial Litigation
    - National, 2012–2026
    - Charlotte, 2016–2026
    - Chicago, 2022–2026
    - Dallas/Fort Worth, 2021–2026
    - New York, 2012–2026
    - Washington, DC, 2012–2026
  - Criminal Defense: White–Collar
    - National, 2016–2026
    - Chicago, 2013–2026
    - Dallas, 2026
    - Los Angeles, 2016–2018
    - New York, 2024–2026
    - Washington, DC, 2013–2018
  - Litigation – Antitrust Law
    - Chicago, 2016–2020
  - Litigation – Bankruptcy
    - National, 2016–2026
    - Chicago, 2012–2018, 2020–2021
    - Dallas/Fort Worth, 2021–2026
    - New York, 2021–2026
  - Litigation – Environmental
    - National, 2012–2026
    - Chicago, 2021–2025
    - New York, 2013–2022
    - Oakland, 2019–2021
    - Washington, DC, 2012–2020
    - Los Angeles, 2020
  - Litigation – ERISA

- National, 2012–2021
- Chicago, 2012–2021

- Litigation – Intellectual Property
  - National, 2012–2026
  - Chicago, 2012–2026
  - Los Angeles, 2025–2026
- Litigation – Patent
  - National, 2012–2018
  - Charlotte, 2026
  - Chicago, 2012–2018
- Litigation – Real Estate
  - Law Firm of the Year, 2023
  - National, 2012–2025
  - Chicago, 2024
  - New York, 2012–2025
  - Washington, DC, 2012–2025
- Litigation – Securities
  - National, 2012–2026
  - Chicago, 2012–2022
  - Los Angeles, 2012–2025
  - New York, 2012–2026
- Litigation – Trusts and Estates
  - Los Angeles, 2012–2026
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
  - National, 2016–2019
  - Los Angeles, 2014–2019
  - Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
  - Los Angeles, 2024

- *BTI Litigation Outlook*
  - Class Actions Honor Roll, 2018
  - Complex Employment Litigation Honor Roll, 2018
  - IP Litigation Honor Roll, 2018
  - Securities and Finance Litigation Honor Roll, 2018
- *Chambers FinTech*

- Crypto-Asset Disputes, 2025
- FinTech Legal: Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies
  - USA, 2023–2025

- *Chambers USA*
  - Litigation: General Commercial
    - Illinois, 2006–2026
  - Litigation: White–Collar Crime and Government Investigations
    - Illinois, 2007–2026
    - Texas, 2022–2026
  - Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations: Highly Regarded
    - New York, 2021–2026
  - Litigation: Securities
    - Nationwide, 2025-2026
    - California, 2023–2026
    - Illinois, 2025-2026
    - New York, 2021–2025
  - Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Litigation)
    - Nationwide, 2024–2026
  - Media & Entertainment Litigation
    - California, 2013–2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Environment: Litigation, 2015–2019
  - Financial Services Litigation, 2016–2026
  - General Commercial Disputes, 2019–2025
  - Securities Litigation: Defense, 2015–2026
  - Trademarks: Litigation, 2016–2026