

ILLINOIS

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott

Jenner & Block

Kirkland & Ellis

Latham & Watkins

Mayer Brown

Sidley Austin

Winston & Strawn

Recommended

Baker & McKenzie

Baker & Daniels

Freeborn & Peters

Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum

Jones Day

Kattin Muchin Rosenman

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McDermott Will & Emery

Schiff Hardin

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Stetler, Duffy & Rotert

Wildman Harrold

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Commercial Litigation, Products Liability**David Allen**Baker Daniels
Commercial Litigation**Steven Bashwiner**Katten Muchin Rosenman
Securities**Philip Beck**Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott
Commercial Litigation, Securities**Sean Berkowitz**Latham & Watkins
Securities, White-Collar Crime**Timothy Bishop**Mayer Brown
Appellate**Bruce Braun**Winston & Strawn
Antitrust, Appellate, Intellectual Property, Securities**Tony Burt**Schiff Hardin
Commercial Litigation, Insurance**Roxane Busey**Baker & McKenzie
Antitrust**Walter Carlson**Sidley Austin
Commercial Litigation, Securities, White-Collar Crime**Richard Cederoth**Sidley Austin
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Antitrust, Securities**Jeffrey Colman**Jenner & Block
Commercial Litigation, White-Collar Crime**James Conlan**Sidley Austin
Bankruptcy**William Conlon**Sidley Austin
Commercial Litigation, White-Collar Crime**Vincent Connelly**Mayer Brown
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Commercial Litigation, White-Collar Crime**James Daly**Jones Day
Commercial Litigation**Michael Davis**Sidley Austin
Products Liability**Michael Dockterman**Wildman Harrold
Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property, White-Collar Crime**Charles Douglas**Sidley Austin
Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Securities**Joseph Duffy**Stetler, Duffy & Rotert
Commercial Litigation, White-Collar Crime**Thomas Durkin**Mayer Brown
Commercial Litigation, White-Collar Crime**Maja Eaton**Sidley Austin
Products Liability**Marci Eisenstein**Schiff Hardin
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Illinois

As the litigation epicenter of the Midwest, Chicago remains a highly competitive legal market with international firms stacked with premier talent battling high stakes antitrust, commercial, products liability and intellectual property cases on behalf of corporate giants. In a state traditionally prone to corruption scandals, Illinois is also home to many of the nation's preeminent white collar experts who sharpened their skills as state and federal prosecutors. Although still facing economic hurdles, as a key manufacturing, retail and banking region, Illinois law firms are handling a steady flow of toxic torts litigation, securities class actions and labor disputes while simultaneously advising on billion-dollar mergers and acquisitions in a range of consolidating industries.

Highly recommended firms

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott

Founded in 1993 by former Kirkland & Ellis partners, the national litigation firm of Bartlit Beck has built an outstanding reputation as boutique trial firm. From its hiring practices to its client approach, the firm's business model is focused on providing expertly trained trial lawyers for bet-the-company cases across the country. Operating out of Chicago and Denver, the firm's name partners including **Phil Beck** and **Don Scott** are renowned nationally for their exemplary courtroom skills. As one global competitor states, "As good as we are, if we are up against Bartlit Beck, we know we are in for a huge battle. They are a fantastic trial firm and Phil Beck is as good as it gets."

Litigation partner **Chris Lind** has garnered national praise for his high-profile victory on behalf of client United Technologies in an alleged multi-billion patent infringement suit brought by Rolls-Royce. The claims involved UT's Pratt & Whitney division, which Rolls-Royce asserted infringed one of its engine blade patents in the Airbus 380. The battle between the two companies became international in scope with related claims and counterclaims in the UK and other jurisdictions in the US threatening to delay the launch of Boeing's 787 Dreamliner. Following the dismissal in Lind's case in Virginia, all subsequent patent claims have since been settled. As one peer states, "Chris Lind did a brilliant job in a case that could have cost the client billions."

Jenner & Block

Established in 1914, the national firm of Jenner & Block has 450 attorneys practicing across offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington DC. Although the firm suffered the loss of its legendary chairman emeritus Jerold Solovy this past year, current chairman **Anton Valukas** continues to uphold the firm's longstanding reputation as a national leader in practice areas including commercial litigation, securities, insurance, media, bankruptcy, corporate and government contracts. Valukas was appointed in 2010 as

examiner in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and received national praise for his extensive findings on the largest bankruptcy filed in the US to date. Jenner & Block also acted as lead outside counsel to the newly structured General Motors in its globally publicized IPO in late 2010. The \$23.1 billion total offering is considered one of the largest IPOs in history.

Other top litigation talent at the firm includes co-chair of the white-collar defense and investigations practice, **Charles Sklarsky**. An esteemed trial lawyer and former prosecutor for the state of Illinois, Sklarsky has significant experience handling high-stakes securities fraud, SEC enforcement, public corruption and criminal tax matters. **Jeffrey Colman** is an accomplished trial and appellate attorney with extensive experience handling professional liability and consumer class actions, with a focus on nationwide employment and food contamination cases. As a former Special Assistant Attorney General for Illinois, Colman also handles government investigations and criminal antitrust matters for major companies. In a recent high-profile intellectual property win, the firm won a motion for summary judgment of invalidity in client Viskase's action against World Pac International USA. Viskase, a global supplier of cellulose food casings for meat manufacturers and food processors, had been accused by competitor World Pac of infringing on a food casing patent. Partners Bradford Lyeria and Jeffrey Kopy handled the case.

Kirkland & Ellis

Headquartered in Chicago, the global firm of Kirkland & Ellis has stacked itself with expert talent and prides itself on a business model that requires trial experience in all of its attorneys, from associates upward. As one multinational client states, "Kirkland & Ellis has a deep roster of superb litigation lawyers who have been developed through strong recruiting, internal training and hands-on litigation experience. K&E has a strong, aggressive culture that differentiates it from most firms."

Standout talent includes **Richard Godfrey**, who specializes in antitrust and products liability and is handling multibillion-dollar

litigation on behalf of BP in connection with the Gulf oil spill. In a recent victory for BP, Godfrey along with partner Martin Boles helped convince a New Orleans court to stay cross-claims against BP by partner Anadarko Petroleum, arguing that BP could enforce its arbitration clause with Anadarko, who could not prove grounds for a waiver. The same judge also dismissed multiple RICO claims alleging BP defrauded government regulators by misrepresenting drilling operations safety and spill response capabilities. **Michael Foradas** represents Dow Chemical, handling significant toxic tort, groundwater and insurance cases along with **Kevin Van Wart**, who handles high stakes toxic torts matters, and **Doug Kurtenbach**, who specializes in class actions. As the former Deputy Attorney General of the US, **Mark Filip**, who is part of BP's defense team, is sought after nationally by Fortune 500 companies involved in bet-the-company litigation and for officers facing multi-agency investigations.

Latham & Watkins

Established in 1934, the international firm of Latham & Watkins is one of the largest in the world, with 2000 attorneys throughout offices in 31 countries. In Chicago, the firm is involved in a broad range of business and litigation matters for companies with economic interests in the Midwest and across the country. The firm is known for its strategic litigation skills in high-stakes matters in the areas of white collar, intellectual property, products liability and insurance.

Latham's talent roster includes esteemed trial lawyer **Sean Berkowitz**, the global chair of Latham's litigation department who specializes in complex commercial cases and is recognized nationally for his securities fraud and white-collar defense work on behalf of corporate giants such as Oracle. Referred to by peers as an "exceptional litigator," Berkowitz is a former assistant US attorney for the DOJ who directed the task force investigating the Enron corporate scandal and was the lead prosecutor against its chief officers. Also on the team is **Zach Fardon**, a former federal prosecutor who co-chairs the firm's Chicago litigation group. Fardon specializes in white collar, securities and professional liability and is tapped for high-profile cases involving public institutions and officials in a range of industries. Partner **Mary Rose Alexander** is considered a go-to trial lawyer for high-stakes litigation involving environmental contamination and toxic tort cases. Alexander's clients include Ford Motor Company, Occidental Petroleum, Wells Dairy and The Southern Company.

Mayer Brown

Mayer Brown is a brand name in Chicago and is also one of the largest firms in Illinois. It is considered a go-to firm in the state for commercial for commercial litigation,

antitrust, labor, employment, corporate, appellate, environmental, insurance, white collar and real estate. Top talent in Chicago includes **Vince Connelly**, a nationally recognized trial lawyer who is celebrated by peers for his exceptional work in bet-the-company cases involving antitrust and securities fraud claims in industries such as health care, manufacturing, public utilities and financial services. Peers refer to Connelly as “an outstanding attorney, extremely knowledgeable with really admirable courtroom judgment.” Connelly is currently representing one of the defendants in the groundbreaking “FCPA sting case,” an extensive undercover case where the FBI used a confidential informant and undercover officers to penetrate the military and law

medical device defense, has been successful in her role as lead coordinating counsel for Kimberly-Clark in purported nationwide class actions involving alleged contaminants in children’s bath products. In the past year, courts in New Jersey and California dismissed the plaintiffs’ claims, citing lack of standing and inability to provide relief on the claims stated.

Litigator **Maja Eaton** is widely praised for her products liability and mass torts practice and recently represented General Electric in litigation involving over 200 federal lawsuits claiming its MRI contrast agent causes a serious medical condition resulting in the hardening of skin, joints, and internal organs. As the former US attorney for Illinois’ Northern District, **Scott Lassar** is considered

litigation and white-collar defense. Frederick oversees the Winston team acting as national trial counsel to Philip Morris and parent company, Altria Group, in its multibillion-dollar nationwide tobacco litigation. Partner **James Hurst** received national recognition for his recent victory for Abbott in its multi-front, seven-year battle over its HIV drug Norvir. Winston successfully defended Abbot in various antitrust investigations into the price increase in Norvir, which stemmed from a change in use from 12 pills a day to one pill. In the last case to survive, GlaxoSmithKline was seeking \$1.7 billion dollars in damages, and Hurst convinced a jury to knock this down to \$3.5 million over a single breach of contract claim. **George Lombardi** is considered a national expert in intellectual property and white-collar matters and was the lead trial counsel for Barr Labs in the landmark case that invalidated the Prozac patent.

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Partner **Andrew Marovitz** is a nationally distinguished antitrust attorney who represents global companies in cases involving price fixing, monopolization and conspiracy claims. Peers refer to Marovitz as “a terrific lawyer, deeply familiar with the issues and highly capable at the trial level.” **Daniel Ring** is praised for his expertise in products liability and toxic torts disputes and is acting as lead counsel for Medtronic in state and federal personal injury class actions while heading part of Mayer Brown’s defense team for Union Carbide and a former subsidiary in asbestos litigation. **Stephen Shapiro**, founder and senior attorney in Mayer’s Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation group, has received numerous national distinctions for his pivotal role in several landmark US Supreme court cases.

Sidley Austin

Sidley Austin is a leading presence in the Chicago legal market, and the firm is known here for its strengths in antitrust, commercial litigation, environmental, energy, corporate, banking, insurance, intellectual property, products liability and white-collar matters. Standout litigation talent includes **David Pritikin**, who chairs Sidley’s national intellectual property practice and considered an expert in patent litigation around the country. In a recent win, Pritikin, along with partner **Richard Cederoth** secured a dismissal in Michigan for Microsoft against patent infringement claims filed in 2004 regarding its Xbox consoles and Xbox live service. Partner **Sara Gourley**, recognized nationally for her expertise in pharmaceutical and

an expert in high-stakes white-collar defense including securities fraud, insider trading and FCPA matters. The Sidley litigation team is also representing drug giant Bayer in ongoing MDL involving more than 1,000 product liability and consumer fraud actions related to several of its oral contraceptives. In a recent victory, Sidley convinced an Illinois judge to strike class status in one nationwide personal injury class action, who found that each potential class member’s claims would involve varying medical histories and differing uses of the medications.

Winston & Strawn

Headquartered in Chicago, Winston & Strawn is considered “a formidable courtroom opponent” by national competitors. As one global technology giant states, “We have been using them for years and we are expanding our use of them, they have the experience in relevant matters and the cost effectiveness. They are the best.” Universally considered by peers as “one of the top trial lawyers in the country,” chairman **Dan Webb** is sought after nationally for bet-the-company litigation involving antitrust, products liability, IP and white-collar matters. Webb has acted as lead trial counsel for GE, Microsoft, Philip Morris and Verizon, and recently won a summary judgment for pharmaceutical giant Wyeth in antitrust litigation involving 10 years of federal and state cases challenging Wyeth’s settlement of a patent lawsuit relating to K-Dur, a patented potassium chloride product.

Tom Frederick chairs the firm’s litigation group and is recognized nationally for his expertise in products liability, commercial

Recommended firms

Baker & McKenzie

Since its founding in 1949, Baker & McKenzie has evolved into a truly global firm with 69 offices in 41 countries and over 3700 lawyers. Utilizing its massive network of resources, the firm’s 200-attorney Chicago office provides litigation and transactional services to domestic and multinational companies in a range of sectors and is noted for its antitrust, corporate, environmental, general commercial, intellectual property and white-collar work. Top talent in Chicago includes esteemed white-collar trial lawyer **William Linklater**, who specializes in FCPA matters, international cartel investigations and import and export crimes. Partners **Roxane Busey** and **Thomas Campbell** are recognized by peers for their expertise in antitrust matters and **Creighton Meland** is noted for his strengths in banking, financial services regulation and credit facilities.

Baker & Daniels

New to the Illinois ranking this year, the Indiana-based firm of Baker & Daniels dates back to 1863 and now has seven offices, including Chicago, Washington DC, and Beijing, with 370 attorneys firm wide. With a deep knowledge of the region, the firm serves local and national clients and specializes in general commercial, labor and employment, appellate, real estate and corporate matters. Lead talent in Chicago includes **David Allen**, a seasoned trial lawyer who specializes in commercial and tort litigation on behalf of manufacturing, health care and trust service companies. Emerging talent **Rachel Nguyen** is recognized for her litigation strengths in commercial cases, employment and securities litigation.

Freeborn & Peters

With offices in Chicago and Springfield and 120 attorneys, the Illinois firm of Freeborn &

Peters enjoys a strong reputation in the state's legal market. Under the guidance of its widely respected founder, **Michael Freeborn**, the firm focuses on the core practice areas of antitrust, commercial litigation, insurance, securities, media and bankruptcy matters. Partner **Andrew Goldstein** is noted for his intellectual property practice including trademark and copyright law and entertainment law. **David Becker** is a rising talent recognized for his trial expertise in patent and trademark infringement, products liability and securities litigation. Eugene Zelek and Jeffery Cross are praised by peers for their strengths in antitrust matters, Zelek with a focus on marketing law while Cross specializes in trade regulation, Canada, complex disputes and franchise law.

Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum
 Founded by former Bartlit Beck partners, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum is a boutique trial firm focusing exclusively on civil litigation and specializing in the areas of products liability and pharmaceutical-related litigation. Co-founder Tarek Ismail, who garnered national praise for his victory as trial counsel in the widely publicized 2007 Vioxx litigation, focuses on high-stakes, complex commercial cases. The firm is retained by Merck, the maker of Vioxx, for Attorney General claims in multiple states and recently won a defense verdict for Merck in Louisiana. The firm is also currently acting as lead counsel for Bayer in its MRI contrast dye-related litigation.

Jones Day

Jones Day's 170 attorney Chicago office is considered by many as a leader in Illinois for antitrust, energy, intellectual property, labor, health care, corporate and white-collar matters. Standout talent in Chicago includes nationally distinguished litigator, **Daniel Reidy**, who specializes in commercial, intellectual property, white-collar and securities litigation and whom peers refer to as a "superstar trial lawyer." Partner David Witcoff is praised by peers for his extensive intellectual property and patent litigation practice and clients include Motorola, Texas Instruments, IBM, Micron and Nikon. In a watershed case for the field of biotechnology, Jones Day recently won an appellate victory for client Myriad Genetics, when the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled isolated human genes do qualify as patentable subject matter. This ruling reverses an earlier decision striking down two of Myriad's gene patents related to breast cancer.

Kattin Muchin Rosenman

Headquartered in Chicago, Katten Muchin & Rosenman's talent pool includes **David Kistenbroker**, who heads the firm's national litigation group and co-chairs its national securities litigation group, and is considered a national expert on SEC investigations and securities fraud. Kistenbroker is currently

representing iStar Financial in a consolidated federal class action suit, and recently won a dismissal for HSBC in a subprime litigation suit filed by the City of Cleveland. **Sheldon Zenner** is widely praised for his antitrust and white-collar expertise and is currently representing Schenker AG in global antitrust litigation alleging freight forwarding companies conspired to fix certain fees associated with cargo transport. Daniel Shapiro co-chairs the firm's commercial litigation practice and attends to matters in securities, valuation disputes, products liability and class actions.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell is recognized in Chicago for its core strengths in antitrust, insurance, intellectual property, health care, corporate and commercial litigation. Top talent in Chicago includes **Keith Parr**, who heads the firm's IP pharmaceutical group and specializes in patent litigation in the areas of biotechnology, life sciences, agribusiness and energy. As a former assistant US attorney in Chicago, **Robert Stephenson** is an esteemed trial lawyer who specializes in white-collar defense, antitrust, corporate investigations and securities fraud. The firm is also bolstering its overall securities litigation practice with the high profile DC hire of former SEC commissioner Roel Campos to head its national securities practice.

McDermott Will & Emery

Founded in 1934, McDermott Will & Emery's Chicago headquarters houses some of its leading talent, including **Lazar Raynal**, who continues to represent Orbitz in significant tax litigation spanning 140 jurisdictions in cases of first impression that include US constitutional issues and issues of discrimination against internet service providers. Head of the firm's international products liability group, **Michael Pope** is uniformly praised as an "exceptional talent" by peers for his high-stakes litigation skills on behalf of companies such as McDonalds and Coca-Cola. Pope, along with partner Christopher Murphy, is currently representing herbicide manufacturer Syngenta in class actions alleging water pollution. **Joel Chefitz** heads the firm's securities practice and is representing Dairy Farmers of America in a high-profile state class action alleging monopolization and has won dismissals for clients such as Steel Dynamics in major federal securities fraud class actions.

Schiff Hardin

Schiff Hardin's litigation group handles commercial cases on behalf of local, regional and national companies. The firm continues to bolster its reputation with highly publicized cases such as its successful representation of Mark Kipnis, a defendant in the Conrad Black criminal prosecution who was eventually cleared of all charges in 2010 by the US Supreme Court, and the firm's recent victory

for the Chicago Board Options Exchange in a case against the International Securities Exchange and The Options Clearing Corporation regarding index trading. Heading up the firm's litigation efforts is managing partner **Ronald Safer**, who is widely respected for his deep expertise in white-collar and appellate matters. **Thomas Quinn** leads the firm's general commercial litigation team and specializes in ERISA, corporate disputes, acquisitions and intellectual property matters. Peers refer to Quinn "as an excellent lawyer, very knowledgeable and professional."

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

Considered a global litigation powerhouse, the firm of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom continues to assert its presence in the Chicago litigation market with its focus on high-stakes securities, commercial, mass torts, products liability and insurance cases. The firm's standout talent in Chicago includes partner **Matthew Kipp**, who is praised by peers as "a really smart, very effective lawyer" and is known for his expertise in complex commercial cases, SEC enforcement, class actions and accounting fraud with clients including General Mills, Office Max, and Stryker Corporation. As a former assistant US attorney **R Ryan Stoll** specializes in white-collar defense, corporate investigations, mass torts and complex commercial cases.

Stetler Duffy & Rotert

The firm of Stetler & Duffy is a highly regarded boutique trial firm specializing in complex civil and white-collar litigation. Peers uniformly praise founders **Joseph Duffy** and **David Stetler**, who are considered leading experts in the Midwest on white-collar criminal defense. The firm handles financial fraud, health care fraud, corruption, antitrust and criminal tax matters for a range of clients from Fortune 100 clients to private individuals. As one peer states, "Stetler & Duffy is one of the best firms in Chicago for white collar. They have exceptional trial lawyers who are very thorough and extremely effective. They should be a top choice."

Wildman Harrold

Wildman Harrold counts major US corporations such as Dupont, Wyeth, MGM studios, Viacom and Yahoo! as clients, and standout litigation talent includes esteemed trial lawyer **Michael Dockterman** who is praised for his expertise handling high-stakes commercial litigation, securities and white-collar criminal matters. **Anne Kimball**, who peers confirm "is definitely a star on Wildman's roster," has represented the Beer Institute and brewers through three successful motions to dismiss class action lawsuits. The suits, which sought billions of dollars, alleged that alcohol advertising causes young people to drink illegally.

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Professional Experience

David Allen is a partner at Baker & Daniels LLP, a member of its business litigation group, and has more than 38 years of experience in complex commercial and tort litigation in both federal and state courts in Illinois and other states. His substantial trial experience includes having served as lead counsel in a major commercial arbitration matter and as an arbitrator for many commercial disputes.

Representative Experience

- Defended a multimillion-dollar claim against a manufacturer of medical products for breach of contract by its exclusive distributor under an international marketing agreement involving more than 110 days of hearings at the Chicago office of the American Arbitration Association.
- Defended a multimillion-dollar complaint filed in federal court by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission against manufacturers of aluminum wire.
- Prosecuted a multimillion-dollar complaint filed in federal court by a beneficiary under a court-ordered settlement trust against a corporate trustee for breach of its contractual and fiduciary obligations in transferring the client's funds, without notice or consent, to a non-corporate fiduciary.
- Prosecuted a multimillion-dollar complaint for breach of contract and breach of warranty filed in federal court against a supplier of component parts by client, a manufacturer of consumer goods, for costs incurred in effecting a nationwide retrofit of products in consumers' homes pursuant to the US Consumer Product Safety Act.
- Defended a multimillion-dollar complaint filed in federal court by a company's leveraged employee stock ownership plan against the company's selling shareholders, alleging prohibited transactions under ERISA, breaches of fiduciary duty under ERISA and state law, unjust enrichment and conspiracy; and prosecuted a multimillion-dollar counterclaim against the company for breach of contract, tortious interference with contract, defamation and false light invasion of privacy and a shareholders' derivative action for breach of fiduciary duty against the company's board of directors.

Katten

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

Firm Overview:

Katten Muchin Rosenman is a full-service law firm with more than 600 attorneys in locations across the United States and an affiliate in London. We strive to be a firm of first choice for clients seeking sophisticated, high-value legal services nationally and globally. While Katten offers an extensive range of legal services across numerous industries, our core areas of practice are corporate, financial services, litigation, real estate, commercial finance, intellectual property and trusts and estates. Among our clients are a wide range of public and private companies, including a third of the *Fortune* 100, as well as a number of government and nonprofit organizations and individuals.

Litigation Practice:

Katten's litigation practice includes nearly 200 attorneys across the country dedicated to evaluating, fighting and resolving clients' most difficult problems inside and outside of courtrooms across the country. The firm's diverse practice encompasses several areas of litigation, including commercial, securities, white-collar crime, financial services, consumer class action, health care fraud and real estate. Our litigation track record and trial victories have earned us top recognition in *Chambers USA*, *Lawdragon 500*, Martindale Hubbell and the *Law360 Litigation Almanac*. However, it is our unflinching drive to understand fully our clients' business and litigation objectives that sets our litigators apart. This understanding makes us better business partners in the long run, and better advocates for matters on the immediate horizon.

We are adept at evaluating and communicating litigation risks and goals to our clients, and we bring all of the tools of modern litigation to bear to resolve cases as efficiently as possible. We are regularly retained to handle significant bet-the-company cases for our clients, which often are accompanied by other risks, investigations, government inquiries, enforcement actions and proceedings. Our clients benefit from the experience of the many Katten attorneys who have held positions at the US Department of Justice, the US Attorney's Office, the White House, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other government agencies and prosecutors' offices at both the state and federal levels across the country.

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Mr. Bashwiner has had extensive trial and arbitration experience. He has served as senior trial counsel for Morgan Stanley in a number of matters, including in federal court in Chicago, IL, in which plaintiffs asserted claims of securities violations arising out of options trading on the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Amex, Philadelphia and Pacific Stock Exchanges. Morgan Stanley was dismissed as a defendant. He also served as senior trial counsel for the client in a complicated arbitration proceeding before the NASD that questioned the fairness and suitability of an investment strategy involving derivative instruments. After an eight-day hearing, the NASD panel ruled in favor of Morgan Stanley and the individual account representative on all issues. The claimant was awarded zero of the \$10 million claimed. He further represented Morgan Stanley, Banc of America Securities, and Credit Suisse First Boston in the CMS Energy in a class action securities litigation pending in the federal court in the Eastern District of Michigan. Plaintiffs' claims against these underwriters were dismissed with prejudice.

He has additionally served as senior trial counsel for American Airlines in *qui tam* litigation in the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL and in a lengthy bench trial arising out of the bankruptcy of Midway Airlines that resulted in a complete victory for American Airlines as to all issues in the case.

Mr. Bashwiner received an AB degree from Holy Cross College in 1963 and a law degree from the University of Chicago in 1966. He is a member of the bar of the US District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the Eastern District of Michigan, the Northern District of California, the Fourth Circuit, the Seventh Circuit, and the US Supreme Court. He is a member of the Federal Trial Bar and chair of the Administration of Justice Committee of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association.

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Mr. Kistenbroker's practice is focused on the representation of publicly traded companies and their directors and officers in securities class actions, SEC investigations and corporate governance disputes. He has been selected by his peers as one of Illinois' leading trial lawyers and was featured in *The National Law Journal* for having one of the top ten defense verdicts in the nation. He was recognized in *Benchmark: America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* (2008-2011) published by *Legal Media Group*, has been listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2008-2010) in the area of General Commercial Litigation, and was named to the 2010 Directorship 100 list of the most influential people in corporate governance and the boardroom. A frequent lecturer on securities litigation, directors and officers insurance matters and corporate governance, Mr. Kistenbroker currently is serving as co-chair of the Practising Law Institute Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute for 2011. He also is a member of the board of directors of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools.

Mr. Kistenbroker earned his JD in 1980 from Marquette University School of Law, his MA in political science in 1977 from Marquette University and his BS in 1975, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He is admitted to the bars of the US Supreme Court, the US Courts of Appeals for the Second, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuits, and the US District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois and the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He also is a member of the Trial Bar for the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Ross O Silverman serves as chair of the litigation and dispute resolution practice in Katten Muchin Rosenman's Chicago office and chair of the firm's insurance and health care fraud litigation practice. He is also a member of the firm's white-collar criminal practice, which includes ten former federal prosecutors. Mr. Silverman represents individuals and businesses involved in governmental and regulatory investigations, and has extensive experience in RICO, criminal tax, financial crimes, and health care fraud matters. Mr. Silverman also concentrates much of his practice on counseling insurers on best claims handling practices and litigation strategies designed to combat fraud. In that regard, he has prosecuted many civil RICO and fraud matters in jurisdictions across the country, which have led to well over \$25 million in actual recoveries for his clients.

Amongst Mr. Silverman's many favorable results for his clients include the successful representation of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. This has resulted in separate jury verdicts of \$3.8 million and \$4.2 million. He has further had multiple favorable court rulings for the client, successfully protecting them from fraudulent billings for a wide range of medical goods and services ranging from unnecessary diagnostic tests to acupuncture services.

Mr. Silverman also was appointed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois to serve as the examiner for two bankruptcy matters; one involving United Airlines and the other involving an international distributor of ionized bracelets. Before joining the firm, Mr. Silverman was a trial attorney for the criminal section of the tax division at the US Justice Department for two and a half years and was an assistant US attorney in Chicago for four years.

Mr. Silverman graduated from Ohio State University in 1982 and received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toledo College of Law, order of the *coif* and *cum laude*, in 1985. He is admitted to practice in Illinois, New York and the District of Columbia, as well as numerous courts. He is a member of the Northern District Trial Bar and the Sixth, Seventh and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

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Mr. Zenner graduated from Northwestern University in 1974 and thereafter earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law in 1978, where he was on the staff of the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. Upon graduating from law school, Mr. Zenner clerked for Judge Marvin E Aspen in the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In 1981, Mr. Zenner joined the United States Attorney's Office in Chicago as an assistant United States attorney, where he held various senior supervisory positions until joining Katten in 1989 to start the firm's white-collar practice.

Mr. Zenner has regularly been included among *The Best Lawyers in America* (1995-2011) and in the annual listing of Leading Business Lawyers in Illinois. He was named one of the top business crime defense lawyers in the country as part of the international *Who's Who Legal*, *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*, recognized in *Benchmark: America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* (2008-2011) published by Legal Media Group; and is listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2007-2010) as a leader in his field; *Illinois Super Lawyers* (2005-2010); 2008 *Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition*. In addition, the firm's white-collar criminal and civil litigation practice is ranked among the nation's best by *Chambers USA*. He was the recipient of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago's 2010 Champion of Justice Award. His trials and investigative skills both as a prosecutor and as a defense lawyer have been chronicled in books and films as well as in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, *USA Today* and the *Chicago Tribune* among others.

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Firm Overview

Kirkland & Ellis LLP (www.kirkland.com) is a 1,500-attorney law firm representing global clients in complex litigation and dispute resolution/arbitration, intellectual property and technology, corporate, restructuring and tax matters. The Firm has offices in Chicago, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, Munich, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Shanghai and Washington, DC.

Litigation

Kirkland & Ellis is renowned for its experience in complex litigation and arbitration. The firm believes that the best litigation results – whether achieved in court or across the bargaining table – occur where the lawyers and client act on the assumption that Kirkland will try the case. Kirkland's trial-oriented approach is possible because the firm has a deep bench of senior trial lawyers and an uncommon commitment to training its young lawyers.

The Litigation Group comprises more than 535 attorneys throughout the firm's worldwide offices. The firm's international experience enables effective representation of non-US plaintiffs and defendants in US judicial proceedings. Kirkland represents clients in trial and appellate courts at the federal and state level, before administrative tribunals, and in arbitrations and other dispute resolution proceedings. The firm also represents clients in connection with proceedings involving government agencies, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US Attorneys General Offices, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the New York Stock Exchange, the US Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the US Patent and Trademark Office, the US Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service.

Lawyers in all of Kirkland's offices have tried cases, successfully to verdict or judgment, in virtually every substantive area and business segment including accountant liability, antitrust and competition, appellate, class action, mass tort and toxic tort, construction, ERISA/benefits, First Amendment and defamation, franchise and distribution, insurance coverage, international arbitration and ADR, products liability, securities and shareholder.

Kirkland has been recognized by clients and the media for its achievements in litigation.

- In 2010, *The American Lawyer* named Kirkland one of five finalist firms for its biennial "Litigation Department of the Year" survey. Since the competition began in 2002, Kirkland has been named as a finalist – or the ultimate winner – in one or more categories in all five contests. Kirkland is the only firm able to claim this honor.
- In the 2011 Litigation Outlook report, The BTI Consulting Group surveyed 240 corporate counsel about which firms they feel are the most formidable litigation opponents. Kirkland was chosen as one of the four "most-feared" law firms.
- In 2010, Kirkland was named a "go-to" firm for litigation in the *Corporate Counsel* survey, "Who Represents America's Biggest Companies?" for the ninth consecutive year.

Intellectual Property Litigation

Kirkland & Ellis' Intellectual Property Law Practice is one of the oldest such practices in a full-service firm in the country, having been an integral part of Kirkland since 1925. Kirkland has approximately 280 intellectual property lawyers who are experienced in a variety of technical disciplines and registered to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office. Approximately 75% of the lawyers are engineers and scientists trained with degrees and professional backgrounds in technical areas.

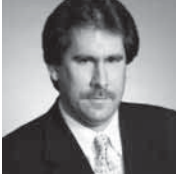
Kirkland has one of the most respected intellectual property litigation practices in the country, with particular experience in large-scale patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret misappropriation and advertising matters. As client needs demand, the work of the group frequently extends to antitrust, securities/compliance, products liability and appellate matters.

Kirkland's experience in venues where IP cases are most often litigated is extensive. The firm frequently litigates in the Eastern District of Texas, the Northern District of California, the District of Delaware, the Districts of Illinois and the International Trade Commission, as well as state courts throughout the country. Kirkland has been, and continues to be, consistently successful in those venues. Notably, the firm's experience includes a defense verdict in a patent case for Charter Communications in the Eastern District of Texas, where only a handful of defense patent verdicts have come out of that district in its history.

The Intellectual Property Practice Group's trial successes have led to recognition as one of the best IP practices in the country by numerous publications.

- Kirkland has received a national first-tier ranking in intellectual property in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for six consecutive years. In 2009, Chambers and Partners honored the firm with an Award for Excellence in IP Litigation.
- In 2011, *Intellectual Asset Management (IAM)* magazine awarded Kirkland a national first-tier ranking in the first-ever "IAM Patent Litigation 250: The World's Leading Patent Litigators" rankings.
- In 2011, *Managing Intellectual Property* named Kirkland the "Patent Contentious Firm of the Year" for the Midwest region at the North American IP Awards. The firm was shortlisted for "Patent Contentious Firm of the Year" for the Midwest, Northeast and West regions, and "Trademark Contentious Firm of the Year" for the Midwest, Northeast and West regions.

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As a partner in Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell's litigation department and lead of the IP Pharmaceutical group, Keith Parr focuses his practice principally in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, life sciences, agribusiness and energy areas. Mr. Parr counsels clients in the areas of regulatory compliance, intellectual property, and antitrust and utilizes his substantial lead counsel litigation and trial experience to provide his clients with solutions for their business needs. Mr. Parr advances his client's interests not only before regulatory agencies and the courts but also works to provide effective legislative solutions at both the state and federal level. Mr. Parr's practice is highly focused, but also quite diverse.

Seed and Biotechnology Mr. Parr represents companies in the seed and agricultural biotechnology industries in connection with regulatory, intellectual property, liability and transactional matters. Mr. Parr has counseled clients on issues relating to the international sale of seed, global regulatory approvals of transgenic products, and product stewardship. Among the types of clients Mr. Parr has represented are biotechnology trait providers, seed producers, seed dealers, seed distributors, seed certification agencies, plant variety protection certificate holders, patent holders, seedsmen's errors and omissions insurers, and seed certification agencies and seed association's errors and omissions insurers.

Pharmaceutical and Life Science Mr. Parr represents companies in the pharmaceutical industry in connection with regulatory and intellectual property matters. Mr. Parr has substantial experience in filing Citizens Petitions with the FDA, representing generic companies seeking to enter the United States market in Hatch-Waxman Act Paragraph IV cases, and pursuing antitrust counterclaims. Mr. Parr has represented both patent holders and accused infringers in patent litigation involving prescription pharmaceutical products.

Agribusiness Mr. Parr represents agribusiness companies in connection with regulatory, liability, intellectual property and transactional matters. Mr. Parr has represented clients in connection with matters involving a number of different federal regulatory agencies, including FSIS, FDA, APHIS, PACA, FSA and the FCIC. Among the types of general agricultural and agribusiness clients Mr. Parr has represented are packing plants, growers, producers and federally reinsured crop insurers.

Energy Mr. Parr has had an interest in the energy sector since his days in the Office of General Counsel of El Paso Natural Gas Co., El Paso, Texas. Mr. Parr represented a limited liability company in connection with the first corn-to-ethanol plant built in the State of Illinois that included farmer owned agricultural cooperatives.

Patent, Plant Variety Protection Act, Trademark, Trade Dress, Copyright and Trade Secret Litigation Mr. Parr has significant lead counsel trial experience and has headed up a number of trial teams on major patent, trademark, trade dress and copyright litigation matters. Mr. Parr has represented clients in industries as diverse as the cellular telephone, consumer electronics, retail consumer products, pharmaceutical, seed and architectural design industries.

Business Litigation and Arbitration Mr. Parr has represented companies involved in a broad range of commercial disputes in state and federal court proceedings and before Tribunals such as the American Arbitration Association and the International Chamber of Commerce, International Court of Arbitration in Paris, France.

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Firm Overview

McDermott Will & Emery is a leading international firm with a diversified business practice. For more than 75 years, our lawyers have served a broad range of client interests and understand the issues faced by corporate decision makers. We know how economic, social and political issues affect operations because our lawyers have navigated the complex business and regulatory environment themselves.

Litigation Overview

Clients turn to the litigation lawyers of McDermott to manage their toughest challenges. McDermott connects clients with skilled litigation lawyers who provide winning strategies for bench and jury trials, arbitrations and alternative dispute resolutions, including mediations and summary jury trials.

Our experienced team engages in every aspect of civil, regulatory and commercial defense litigation in:

McDermott lawyers take on the most demanding cases for clients across many industries, including aviation, consumer products, energy, environmental, financial, health care, hospitality, insurance, life sciences and technology. In addition to our work for public companies, we work with McDermott's private client, tax and corporate lawyers to serve privately held companies and individual clients in matters requiring special sensitivity and discretion. Our lawyers also handle emergency situations such as temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.

We understand each case presents different facts, issues and objectives, and we tailor our staffing and strategy appropriately. McDermott has handled thousands of mediations, arbitrations, trials and appeals. Our litigation lawyers have successfully argued appeals before the Supreme Court of the United States, the 13 judicial circuits of the US appellate courts and numerous state appellate courts. Outstanding client service is a cornerstone of our practice—one that has withstood the test of geography, economy and time. We are proud of the recognition we have received from clients for our commitment to service, and we consider their satisfaction the best measure of our success.

Offices

McDermott has offices in Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Düsseldorf, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Milan, Munich, New York, Orange County, Rome, San Diego, Silicon Valley and Washington, DC The Firm has a strategic alliance with MWE China Law Offices (Shanghai).

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Firm Overview

Sidley Austin is one of the world's premier law firms, with a practice highly attuned to the ever-changing international landscape. The firm has built a reputation for being a powerful adviser for global businesses, with approximately 1700 lawyers in 17 offices worldwide. Sidley maintains a commitment to providing quality legal services wherever they are needed, offering advice in litigation, transactional and regulatory matters spanning virtually every area of law. The firm's lawyers leverage their diversity of knowledge and wide-reaching legal backgrounds with a dedication to teamwork, collaboration and superior client service.

Recognition

The firm has been recognized by its clients and by the media for its leadership in its litigation, transactional and international practices.

- Sidley is one of just three firms to have been in the top 10 of the *BTI Client Service* rankings every year since the inception of those rankings in 2001.
- Sidley received the most first-tier national rankings of any US law firm in the inaugural *US News – Best Lawyers: Best Law Firms* rankings for 2010.
- Sidley was named USA Law Firm of the Year 2011 in the *Who's Who Legal* awards.
- Sidley was named as one of the top 25 national corporate law firms in *Corporate Board Member* magazine's 2011 survey of corporate directors and general counsel, ranking America's Best Corporate Law Firms.
- Sidley consistently ranks among the top global capital markets firms in the *Thomson Reuters* league tables, with strong showings as both issuer and underwriter counsel in US debt and equity and international, Asia Pacific and Australia bonds.

Pro Bono

Pro bono service is an important component Sidley builds into daily work life, with the firm's lawyers devoting an average of almost 100,000 hours to pro bono service each year for the last three years. Such efforts include Sidley's role as a founding member of a national program of the Pro Bono Institute, National Veterans Legal Services Program and the American Legion, which provides assistance to wounded veterans.

Diversity

Sidley is one of the staunchest proponents of law firm diversity, embracing uniqueness in background, experience and viewpoints for a greater wellspring of talent. In 2011, the Women in Law Empowerment Forum included Sidley in its list of law firms qualifying for its new Gold Standard Certification – a designation for firms that have integrated women in top leadership positions and compensated them well. Sidley also received a perfect 100 score on the Human Rights Campaign's 2011 *Corporate Equality Index* (CEI) report, which evaluates companies based on their support for their LGBT employees.

Litigation Practice

Sidley has a litigation department of extraordinary depth and range that delivers outstanding results to its clients at every stage of the litigation process. Beyond its many litigation victories, some of the main areas that distinguish Sidley from its peers are its: premier US Supreme Court practice; cross-border litigation capabilities in the WTO and other international tribunals and IP litigation practice, which was named the IP Team of the Year by *Chambers USA* in 2011. More than 800 lawyers in the firm are engaged in litigation or related dispute resolution activities.

Recently, the firm was recognized for its work for American Electric Power Company, where Sidley secured a unanimous US Supreme Court victory in "the biggest-ever case on the issue of global warming," and for Microsoft, where the Federal Circuit vacated a \$358 million verdict in a closely watched patent case involving Microsoft's Outlook calendar function. Sidley's litigators have garnered victories in litigation ranging from mass products liability claims against GE regarding gadolinium-based MRI contrast agents, to patent disputes involving Blackberry smartphones manufactured by Research in Motion (RIM), to consumer fraud claims against Taco Bell regarding the beef content in products sold to more than two billion consumers. The firm continues to represent Citigroup in one of the largest private antitrust class actions in US history, challenging the fees and rules set by Visa and MasterCard. Sidley also continues its representation of Bank of America in litigation involving the Parmalat matter, described as "one of the largest and most brazen corporate financial frauds in history."

Sidley's litigators are at the forefront in the most important issues facing the industries in which its clients operate. *United States v. Harkonen*, for example, involves the prosecution of a pharmaceutical executive in a case testing the government's power to criminalize the expression of scientific conclusions with which it disagrees. Sidley plays a leading role in highly publicized climate change litigation across the country. It is currently defending three of four existing cases at the district and appellate levels involving tort claims involving greenhouse gas emissions.

Sidley's appellate team includes more than 80 lawyers nationwide with 18 former Supreme Court clerks. Its lawyers have briefed more than 190 cases on the merits since the practice began in 1985 and have argued more than 95 cases before the High Court. Ten Sidley lawyers have argued before the Supreme Court, and Sidley partner Carter Phillips has argued 71 cases in that court—more than any other lawyer in private practice.

Sidley has played a significant role in every recent term of the Supreme Court, and typically is involved in around 40% of the cases on the Supreme Court's docket. In the 2010 Term, Sidley represented parties in nine cases on the merits, and amicus in 15 others, and argued six cases. Sidley Partner Peter Keisler (former acting US attorney general) argued, and won unanimously, the high-profile case concerning global warming.

Sidley has substantial international dispute resolution capabilities in fora such as the World Trade Organization (WTO). Members of Sidley's WTO team have been involved in approximately 230 of the last 400 disputes brought before the WTO—more than any other law firm. Recent matters include representations of the governments of Norway, Brazil and Japan; AT&T and Anheuser-Busch. The firm recently prevailed in cases answering important questions about WTO procedures to protect sovereign markets from international inter-market predatory pricing, including worldwide import and export subsidies and "anti-dumping," trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights, export subsidies and market access.