

Dawn M. Canty

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Practices

FOCUS: Litigation

Class Action Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Consumer Finance Litigation and
Regulatory Compliance

Electronic Discovery and Information
Governance

Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation

Financial Markets Litigation and
Enforcement

Insurance and Health Care Fraud Litigation

Real Estate Litigation

Securities Litigation

Dawn is the firm's chief deputy general counsel and a panel member of the American Arbitration Association. Dawn represents clients of all types in complex commercial disputes. She counsels a variety of businesses and high-net-worth individuals facing the prospect of litigation — sometimes by representing them in court, but just as often helping them avoid it. Whether responding to a regulatory enforcement action or defending a contract action, she focuses on minimizing the disruption to her clients' businesses that arise from legal disputes.

Business-centered resolutions

Representing a national client base of banks, insurers, financial services firms, product manufacturers and high net worth individuals, Dawn often helps her clients avoid lawsuits before they are filed. She negotiates settlements and guides clients through mediations and creative dispute resolution processes. When lawsuits do arise, Dawn is a fierce advocate well-versed in the challenges of the legal process. She is especially adept at managing cases with large volumes of documents and electronic information.

Industries

Education

Finance and Financial Markets

Insurance and Risk Management

Private Client Services

Dawn routinely works with financial institutions on litigation that can turn on analysis of financial data, including intercreditor disputes and lender liability claims. She also handles Federal Trade Commission enforcement actions and matters brought by state attorneys general alleging unfair or deceptive trade practices in marketing and advertising. In all these actions, her comfort working with complicated factual records benefits her clients.

Education

JD, University of Michigan Law School

AB, The University of Chicago

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court, Northern District of
Illinois, Trial Bar

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Community Involvements

American Bar Association, former Illinois
State Liaison; former chair, Membership
Subcommittee, Class Action and Derivative

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Suit Committee

Trial Bar of the Northern District of Illinois

American Arbitration Association, Panel
Member

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Women of Influence, 2017
- *Super Lawyers*
 - Illinois, 2010–2018, 2021-2022

News

- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 28, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2021)
- 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)
- Forty-Seven Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 8, 2016)
- Fifty-Three Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2015 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 12, 2015)
- Fifty-Four Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2014 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 13, 2014)
- Sixty-Nine Katten Attorneys Included on 2013 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 4, 2013)
- Eighty-Six Katten Attorneys Named 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers (February 28, 2012)

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- Katten Attorneys Get Class Action Lawsuit Against Zango Dismissed, With Prejudice (September 7, 2006)

Publications

- *Health Care Perspectives* (April 2017)
- *The Business Litigator* - The End of Deepening Insolvency Claims (April 2009)
- *The Business Litigator* - Loan Agreements in Illinois: Oral Modifications Are Unenforceable (February 2009)

Presentations and Events

- Social Media: An Interactive Workshop on How to Incorporate Social Media into Your Marketing Plan (October 25, 2016) | *Presenter*
- Tackling the Tough Issues in Health Care Law and Compliance (July 21, 2016) | *Presenter*
- PowWOW 2016 Enterprise Solutions Conference (May 17, 2016) | *Co-Presenter* | *E Discovery and Considerations for Boards of Directors*
- Protecting Personal Identifiable Information in the Discovery Process (May 12, 2016) | *Presenter*
- Women in the Legal Profession Summit: Rainmaking, Negotiating, and Collaborative Development (April 16, 2008) | *Speaker*
- Informational Session on the Firm's Performance Review and Compensation Process for Associates (March 18, 2008) | *Presenter*