



## Diane E. Bell

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### Practices

FOCUS: Corporate

Mergers and  
Acquisitions

Private Equity

Independent  
Sponsors

### Industries

Health Care Services

Private Equity

### Recognition

Leading Lawyers

Network, Emerging  
Lawyer, 2015, 2016

### Education

JD, The University of  
Chicago Law  
School

BA, Washington  
University in St.  
Louis, *cum laude*

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

### Court Admissions

US District Court,  
Northern District of  
Illinois

Diane E. Bell concentrates her practice in corporate matters, with a focus on private company mergers and acquisitions, venture financing and joint ventures.

Diane advises investors and business owners, including private equity and venture funds, with respect to acquisitions and dispositions, growth equity investments, recapitalizations and the implementation and completion of exit strategies. She works closely with the management of operating businesses in complex commercial transactions, including the establishment of manufacturing and distribution partnerships and agreements.

She represents clients in a variety of industries, including media and technology, consumer products and for-profit education.

Diane is co-founder of Katten's LGBT Coalition and is active in several Chicago and law firm diversity initiatives.

### Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Law School Mentoring Program
- The Chicago Bar Association

### Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- Panelist | Working in Transactional Law | Chicago, Illinois (January 22, 2014)
- Panelist | OUTLaw Week | Chicago, Illinois (October 8, 2012)
- Host | Pride and Practice | Chicago, Illinois (September 20, 2007)