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Overview

Julie focuses on complex commercial litigation, including defamation, contract disputes, business torts, and corporate governance disputes. She represents clients in a broad range of disputes through all phases of litigation in state and federal courts nationwide, from initial strategy through trial.

Julie's practice further includes complex dispute resolution in various arbitration forums, including the AAA, JAMS, and the HKIAC. In her defamation practice, Julie has represented tech companies, high-profile individuals, and large corporations in all stages of defamation disputes, from sending cease and desist letters and retraction demands to litigating defamation lawsuits. Julie is currently part of the team representing a voting machine company in multiple lawsuits stemming from defamatory statements about the company after the 2020 U.S. Presidential election, including a $2.7 billion lawsuit against Fox News.

Julie currently serves on Benesch's Hiring Committee and sits on the Women's Initiative Internal Programming subcommittee. Julie also coaches a student moot court team as an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Representative Matters

- Achieved a significant summary judgment decision for election technology company Smartmatic in its defamation case against MyPillow and Mike Lindell. The Court found Lindell's accusations were false and defamatory per se and that MyPillow was vicariously liable for their publication. The ruling also found injunctive relief was appropriate pursuant to the Minnesota Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The case will be proceeding to trial in Minnesota Federal Court in 2026.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2019, J.D., *cum laude*
  - Loyola University Chicago Law Journal, Lead Articles Editor
    - Annual Intraschool Moot Court Competition, 2018 Champion
  - Moot Court, Houston National Championship Team and In-House Publicity Director
- University of Minnesota, 2016, B.A., Spanish and Global Studies

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

News & Insights

- Defamation Dispatch: Q2 2026
  August 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- Supreme Court 2025: Key Free Speech Rulings
  June 10, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch State AG Attorneys Featured in New York Law Journal on Prediction Market Uncertainty
  February 24, 2026 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Cashing In On Preemption: Kalshi Lawsuits Preview the Future of Gambling Regulations
  November 5, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Law360 Highlights Benesch's Major Defamation Win for Smartmatic Against MyPillow CEO
  September 30, 2025 | Media Mentions