

Katie Burnett

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Overview

Katie represents businesses from a diverse range of industries, including healthcare, pharmaceuticals, financial services and commercial real estate. She often manages and coordinates multi-jurisdiction litigation across both state and federal courts.

Katie frequently represents clients in complex business disputes in connection with contract disputes, business torts, employment claims, and other commercial and financial matters. She has extensive experience representing businesses in trade secret misappropriation actions.

Additionally, Katie represents clients in actions involving a variety of industries and technologies, including medical devices, consumer products, and financial services. Her IP litigation experience includes a variety of Lanham Act litigation, trade secret misappropriation cases, complex patent disputes, and the management of associated state law claims.

She also has experience defending companies and individuals in all types of government investigations and regulatory enforcement actions, including by U.S. Attorney's Offices, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and state agencies.

Katie has also represented Chapter 11 debtors, creditors, and other parties in complex bankruptcy litigation.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2017, *cum laude*
  - Student Articles Editor, *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*
- Villanova University, 2011, *cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Memberships

- Member, Chicago Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Top 10 Most Active Trade Secret Litigation Lawyers, Lex Machina 2024 Trade Secret Litigation Report
- Listed, Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Business Lit, 2025

News & Insights

- Lex Machina Recognizes Benesch, Individual Attorneys Among Top 10 Most Active for Trade Secret Litigation in the U.S.
  February 6, 2026 | Press Releases
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- Update: Insulet Corp.'s Trade Secrets Jury Award Reduced From $452 Million to $59.4 Million to Avoid Double Recovery
  June 3, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Insulet Corp. May Have to Choose Between $452 Million Jury Award or Permanently Blocking Competitor From Utilizing Its Trade Secrets
  March 17, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights

- Benesch Advises TowerBrook Capital Partners on Acquisition of Majority Stake in Industry-Leading Berkeley Research Group
  February 27, 2025 | Press Releases
- 17 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 23, 2025 | Press Releases
- Jury Finds Phillips 66 Liable For Misappropriating Trade Secrets in $605 Million Verdict
  October 25, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch's Scott Humphrey and Katie Burnett Among Top 10 Most Active Trade Secret Litigation Lawyers in the Country
  September 30, 2024 | Press Releases
- Kal K. Shah and Katie Burnett mentioned in Law360 | "Chicago Cubs Say Private Jet Co. 'Ghosted' Sponsorship"
  February 27, 2024 | Media Mentions
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 25, 2024 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- 2023 Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenant Year in Review - What Happened and What is Likely to Happen
  January 31, 2024 | Firm Events
- Trade Secret and Restrictive Covenants Year in Review - What happened in 2023 and what is likely to happen in 2024 | J. Scott Humphrey, Katie Burnett
  January 11, 2024 | Firm Events
- B-Sharp at Breakfast: 2022 Trade Secret and Restrictive Covenant Year in Review and what to look for in 2023 (including from the FTC)
  February 9, 2023 | Firm Events
- 2022 Trade Secret and Restrictive Covenant Year in Review and What to Look for in 2023 | Margo Wolf O'Donnell, Kate Watson Moss, Katie Burnett
  February 9, 2023 | Firm Events