

Olivia Sullivan

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Overview

Olivia focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, representing clients in disputes involving breach of contract, trade secret misappropriation, internal investigations, class actions, and privacy claims. She is also an experienced defamation litigator, advising technology companies, high-profile individuals, and major corporations through all stages of defamation disputes.

She is currently part of the team representing a voting machine company in multiple lawsuits arising from false statements made after the 2020 U.S. Presidential election, including a $2.7 billion defamation case against Fox News.

As a former public speaking coach and captain of her college debate team, Olivia brings exceptional communication skills to every case she handles. She thrives in the courtroom and during oral arguments, where her clarity, precision and persuasive style set her apart. In her representation of a Fortune 100 technology company, Olivia successfully persuaded a judge to change his tentative ruling on several motions in limine on the eve of trial.

A committed advocate beyond her commercial work, Olivia maintains an active pro bono practice. She has represented clients in death penalty appeals, Section 1983 civil rights cases, guardianship matters and small claims actions. In 2020, she helped secure a temporary restraining order on behalf of detainees at the Adelanto ICE facility in the Central District of California-a victory that earned her recognition from the ACLU.

Olivia is a founder of Benesch's Pro Bono Committee and is part of the firm's Women's Initiative. She also sits on the Emerging Leaders Council for the Legal Services Corporation and teaches as an adjunct professor in Loyola University Chicago School of Law's Moot Court program.

**Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.*

Representative Matters

- Secured the complete dismissal of a novel cannabis class action in Illinois, alleging that certain concentrate products were deceptive. This decision marked a substantial win in a new area of law and helped put an end to a string of class actions against the cannabis industry.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2018, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Executive Editor, Conference Management, Loyola University Chicago Law Journal
  - Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
  - Wing Tat Lee International Law Fellow
  - Women's Bar Foundation Scholar
- Wichita State University, 2015, B.S. in Political Science and History
  - Student Body President

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers®*, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2026
- 2020 Access to Justice Awards, ACLU of Southern California

Beyond the office

Hobbies

In her free time, Olivia enjoys boxing, going to museums, hanging out with her corgi, and telling people about the best new restaurant in Chicago she has just been to.

Favorite Quote

“I am going to have it”
-Carolyn Forché

Favorite Book

My Friends by Fredrik Backman

News & Insights

- Anti-SLAPP Laws on the Rise: Key Developments Since 2025
  September 10, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Defamation Dispatch: Q2 2026
  August 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- South Dakota’s Inaugural Anti-SLAPP Statute
  June 30, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- A Defining Year for Defamation: Key Decisions and Emerging Trends
  June 12, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Tariff Refund Litigation: A Primer on Common Plaintiff’s Theories of Recovery and Importer of Record Defenses
  June 10, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Law360 Highlights Benesch Litigators Mark Eisen and Olivia Sullivan in Biometric Privacy Case
  April 21, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Michigan’s Long-Awaited Anti-SLAPP Law: An Overview for Litigators
  March 24, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Early Evidence? Not in This Court!: Supreme Court Clarifies Federal Rules Govern Over State Law
  January 22, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases