

A professional portrait of Samantha Roth Bender, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a black blazer, standing in a modern office hallway with a staircase in the background. The image is positioned on the left side of the header, with a teal background on the right containing her name and contact information.

Samantha Roth Bender

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Overview

Sammi focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts across the country, including matters of defamation, breach of contract, and trade secret misappropriation.

Sammi represents clients in a broad range of disputes through all phases of litigation. In her defamation practice, Sammi has represented 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. Sammi 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. Sammi also has experience representing corporations in breach of contract and trade secret disputes against former employees.

Sammi currently sits on Benesch's Hiring Committee and the Women's Initiative Internal Programming subcommittee. Sammi also serves on the Young Leadership Division Board of the Jewish United Fund (JUF) in Chicago.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2021, J.D.
 - *Northwestern University Law Review*, Online Executive Editor

- Northwestern University, 2017, B.A. in Philosophy and International Studies, *magna cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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

Memberships

- Board of Directors, Young Leadership Division, Jewish United Fund

Awards & recognition

- Listed, Illinois Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, Business Lit, 2025

News & Insights

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