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Overview

Sammi focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts and arbitral forums across the country, including matters involving defamation, breach of contract, business torts, and closely held business disputes.

Sammi represents companies, executives, and individuals through all stages of litigation and arbitration, from pre-suit counseling through trial. In her defamation practice, she has represented high-profile individuals and large corporations in all phases of reputational disputes, from cease-and-desist letters and retraction demands to litigating defamation claims through trial. Sammi is currently part of the team representing a voting machine company in multiple lawsuits arising from defamatory statements made after the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election, including a $2.7 billion lawsuit against Fox News.

Sammi currently serves on Benesch's Hiring Committee, is a founding member of Benesch's Jewish Employee Resource Group and previously served on the Young Leadership Division Board of the Jewish United Fund of Chicago.

Representative Matters

- Achieved a significant victory for Billings Hockey, LLC and East Idaho Hockey, Inc. in expedited litigation involving the enforceability of hockey league noncompete agreements. Successfully defeated efforts to prevent our clients from competing in a new league, resulting in a favorable resolution and dismissal with prejudice, while protecting their ability to compete in future seasons.

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

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

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Illinois Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, Business Lit, 2024-2026

News & Insights

- Crisis in Real Time: How Companies Win (and Lose) the First Hours
  September 3, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Stopping Wall Street at the Front Door: The Growing Push Against Institutional Homebuyers
  February 13, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- 17 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 23, 2025 | Press Releases
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 25, 2024 | Press Releases