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**“I counsel businesses on how to avoid and win legal disputes.”**

Ms. Carpenter is a trial lawyer and litigator in the Firm's Chicago office. Her practice focuses on complex products liability, employment, and commercial litigation matters for national clients across the manufacturing, construction, technology, merchandising, marketing, medical, real estate, intellectual property, and retail industries. She has a unique ability that assists juries in understanding and empathizing with her clients.

## Business Litigation

- Labor, Employment, & Immigration
- Construction & Development
- Hospitality

While attending law school, Ms. Carpenter externed for the Honorable Jesse G. Reyes of the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County as well as the Honorable Charles P. Kocoras of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois. During this time, she was honored as the first recipient of the Marie Monahan Judicial Externship Scholarship. Ms. Carpenter served as associate barrister of the Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Honors Board and participated in numerous trial advocacy and dispute resolution competitions.

Upon graduation from law school, Ms. Carpenter served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Charles P. Kocoras of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

## Representative Matters

- Lead trial counsel in a Title VII action where the jury found our corporate client not culpable of sexual harassment.

- Represented a plaintiff in a civil rights case resulting in a \$1.15MM judgment for our client following a nine-day jury trial.
- Served as trial counsel in a breach of contract construction-related dispute, which resulted in a \$500,000 judgment for our client following a five-day bench trial.
- Favorably negotiated a settlement resulting in a Consent Foreclosure Judgment on behalf of a lender.
- Defended three pro bono clients against criminal felony charges and obtained a dismissal order.
- Successfully obtained emergency relief in the form of a temporary restraining order against a defendant to prevent it from drawing down on a \$7MM letter of credit.
- Achieved dismissal on behalf of a financial institution against a borrower's slander of title and negligence causes of action.
- Obtained a voluntary dismissal of claims against the world's largest supplier of filters and filtration products.

## Education

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- The John Marshall Law School, 2007
  - J.D.
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2004
  - B.A., Economics, Political Science

## Memberships

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- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
  - Judicial Evaluation Committee, Investigator
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Judges Foundation
  - Board of Directors
  - Lawyers Auxiliary Committee
- Diversity Scholarship Foundation
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois
- Coalition on Women's Initiatives in Law
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow

## Admissions

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- Illinois, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2018
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 2017
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2016
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2015

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
  - Trial Bar, 2014
  - General Bar, 2008
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois, 2011
- Illinois Supreme Court, 2007

## **Professional Achievements**

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- Illinois *Leading Lawyers*: "Leading Women Lawyers," 2023
- Illinois *Leading Lawyers*, 2022
- Illinois *Super Lawyers*, "Rising Stars," 2013-2022
- *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and *Chicago Lawyer*, "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch," 2021
- Illinois *Leading Lawyers*, "Emerging Lawyers," 2015-2021
- "Investigation, Testing, and Privacy." Supplement. Co-author, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, January 2013; 2018; 2022.
- "Pleadings, Motions, and Orders." Supplement. *Class Actions*, Co-author, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2010.
- 2010 Supplement. *Class Actions*, Co-editor, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, April 2010.
- "Manufacturers Not Complying With Toxics in Packaging Laws Face Stiff Fines and Retailers' Bans Under State Laws." *Toxics Law Reporter*, Bloomberg, December 2009.