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“I secure legal outcomes that support long-term business success-in and out of the courtroom.”

Ms. Carpenter is a one-of-a kind legal advocate and trusted outside general counsel—authentic, strategic, and resilient. Loyal by nature and seasoned in high-stakes complexity, she brings a calm, focused presence to every legal and business challenge. Her leadership is collaborative by design, rooted in trust and alignment.

Business Litigation

- Construction and Development
- Hospitality
- Labor and Employment

Although best known for preventing legal disputes before they arise, Ms. Carpenter is also an experienced trial and appellate lawyer—prepared for battle long before ever stepping into war. She guides juries and jurists with clarity, empathy, and fierce advocacy, delivering arguments with both precision and passion.

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

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

Memberships

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- 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
- DRI Women in the Law, Annual Award Chair

Admissions

- Illinois, 2007
- Illinois Supreme Court, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
 - General Bar, 2008
 - Trial Bar, 2014
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois, 2011
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2015
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2016
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 2017

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2018
- Delaware Supreme Court, 2025

Professional Achievements

- Illinois *Leading Lawyers*: "Leading Women Lawyers," 2023, 2025
- Illinois *Leading Lawyers*, 2022-2026
- 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
- Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Charles P. Kocoras of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL 2007-2008
- Judicial Extern to the Honorable Charles P. Kocoras of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL 2006-2007
- Inaugural Scholarship Recipient of the Marie Adornetto Monahan Endowed Judicial Extern Scholarship, 2006
- Associate Barrister, Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolutions Honors Board, 2006-2007
- Judicial Extern to the Honorable Jesse G. Reyes of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, Chicago, IL 2005-2006