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Areas of Focus

Appellate and Supreme Court

Organizational Values and Strategy Task Force

Education

Election Law and Redistricting

Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation



Overview

Katie Wynbrandt's practice focuses on appellate and trial litigation involving complex constitutional, statutory, and administrative law questions. She advises clients on litigation strategy before suits are filed, and she litigates cases from the pleading stage through appeal. She has extensive briefing experience in federal court, and she has argued in federal courts of appeals across the country. Katie's experience is particularly extensive in election law matters and other government-facing disputes. Katie supports the firm's proud tradition of addressing high-impact issues by serving as a Co-Chair of the Organizational Values and Strategy Task Force. As part of this work, she represents federal contractors and grant recipients navigating a rapidly evolving legal landscape.

In addition, Katie focuses on representing clients facing novel legal challenges in the education and technology sectors. She represents institutions of higher education in litigation, administrative investigation and enforcement, and compliance matters with a particular emphasis on civil rights and First Amendment issues. In the technology space, she focuses on challenges involving emerging regulation and content moderation. Katie has been seconded to a leading technology and social media company, helping to navigate a new regulatory framework to address issues of content moderation and develop innovative governance solutions.

Katie maintains an active pro bono practice, primarily representing clients in voting rights and other civil rights cases. She also serves as a Co-Chair of the firm's Wellness Committee.

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- Technology
- Specialized Litigation and Arbitration

Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2018
- Illinois, 2016

Education

- Yale Law School, JD, 2016
- University of Oxford, MPP, with distinction, 2013
- University of Pennsylvania, BA, *summa cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa, 2012

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2021
- US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2020
- US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2021
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2016
- US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2023
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 2019
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2025

Clerkships

- Hon. Gary S. Feinerman, US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2016-2017
- Hon. Patricia A. Millett, US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 2018-2019

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2024-2025; High Honor Roll, 2022

Service to the Bar

- Temple Bar Scholar, 2019