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Areas of Focus

Business Litigation

Class Action

Financial Litigation

Food and Beverage



Overview

Rachael Trummel’s practice incorporates complex business litigation, pre-litigation risk mitigation, and putative class action defense for clients across a range of industries and sectors. She is a skilled litigator and trusted adviser, drawing on her broad experiences to craft effective solutions to her clients’ most difficult and high stakes challenges.

Rachael’s work spans industries and sectors, and ranges from representing Chicago-based institutions to defending multinational corporations in large-scale commercial disputes and putative class actions suits. Whether she’s providing strategic counsel to prevent litigation, identifying solutions to difficult legal challenges, or arguing before a judge or jury, clients trust Rachael to address their most sensitive matters.

Rachael serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Chicago Legal Clinic and the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms. Her pro bono practice includes representing criminal defendants in appellate and habeas proceedings, asylum applicants in immigration cases, and the interests of the LGBTQ+ community in a variety of actions.

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Representative Matters

- Defended bank in putative class action relating to item processing and related overdraft fee policies and practices.
- Defended bank in putative class actions relating to ATM network fee disclosures.
- Defended banks in putative class actions relating to ATM and website accessibility.
- Defended banks in putative class action relating to a broad range of purported breaches of fiduciary duty.
- Defended investment firms in disputes relating to alleged breaches of hedge fund index licensing agreements.
- Defended banks in a broad range of commercial disputes with individual and institutional clients.
- Defended medical device company in lawsuit in which plaintiff asserted various product liability claims relating to his terminal cancer.
- Defended consumer product manufacturers and distributors in putative class actions related to the alleged presence of lead and other heavy metals in the subject products.
- Defended broad range of clients in putative class actions relating to purported violations of the Telephone Consumer Privacy Act.
- Defended a global energy company in a large-scale commercial dispute with an industrial gas supplier regarding purported breach of a long-term industrial gas supply agreement.
- Defended medical product manufacturer in putative class action relating to purportedly hazardous emissions from the client's medical product sterilization facility.
- Defended a global beverage manufacturer in putative class actions related to certain "animal welfare" representations made in connection with the advertising and marketing of certain premium milk products and the purported non-disclosure of saccharin in the fountain version of a soft drink.
- Defended a large retail pharmacy in various putative class actions relating to the pharmacy's prescription drug labeling practices.
- Defended automotive companies in putative class actions relating to purported vehicle defects.
- Defended health care systems and hospitals in putative class actions relating to billing practices affecting the uninsured.
- Defended a pharmaceutical manufacturer in putative class actions relating to the manufacturer's pricing and marketing of a certain prescription drug.

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois
- Missouri

Education

- Vanderbilt University School of Law, JD, 1998
- University of Chicago, 1993

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- US District Court, Central District of Illinois
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- US District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- US District Court, Western District of Michigan
- US District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- US District Court, Western District of Missouri
- US District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *The BTI Class Action Leaders*, 2026
- *BTI Consulting Group*, Client Service All-Star, 2023
- Capitol Pro Bono High Honor Roll, 2025
- *Crain's Chicago Business*, Notable Woman in Law, 2022
- *Legal 500*, Excellence in Class Action Defense

Community

- Greater Chicago Legal Clinic, Board of Directors
- Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms, Board of Directors