

Partners Joanna Wright and Kate Spelman Participate in 2025 NAWL General Counsel Institute Panel

Event

On October 16, Partner Joanna Wright moderated a panel featuring Partner Kate Spelman at the 2025 General Counsel Institute hosted by the National Association of Women Lawyers. The panel, titled “When to Settle vs. Litigate: Corporate Strategy” discussed key factors that should drive settlement versus litigation strategies, including risk assessment, cost-benefit analysis, precedent considerations, and stakeholder impact.

Joanna is a Co-Chair of the firm's Business Litigation Practice and Mass Torts and Product Liability Practice and a nationally recognized trial lawyer who has led over 15 trial teams in federal court, state court, and arbitration. Her clients include Fortune 100 companies across diverse sectors including consumer goods, chemicals, energy, technology, and financial services.

Kate is a Co-Chair of the firm’s Class Action, Consumer Brands, and Food and Beverage Practice and a formidable advocate for companies facing consumer class action litigation, with proven expertise in deceptive practices and privacy claims. Her consumer class action experience spans all stages of litigation across food and beverage, personal care, technology, hospitality, retail, and real estate industries.

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