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Main Bio

Katie Nichols focuses her practice on commercial litigation; professional liability defense; and investigations, government enforcement, and white collar protection. She represents clients in a wide variety of disputes, including professional malpractice litigation, contract and business tort disputes, fiduciary litigation, eminent domain proceedings, white collar defense, and consumer arbitrations. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Katie practiced in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP, where she represented corporate and individual clients in complex commercial litigation and government investigations before the SEC and PCAOB. Katie also clerked for Justices Deno Himonas and Ronald Nehring of the Utah Supreme Court.

Representative Experience

- Represented law firms and individuals against claims of legal malpractice
- Represented large national bank in complex breach of contract, rescission, and fraudulent transfer case
- Represented corporate entities and individuals against claims of breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duties
- Represented a Big Four accounting firm and its professionals in PCAOB enforcement action
- Represented Fortune 50 company in SEC enforcement action

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., cum laude, 2014)
 - Senior Administrative Editor, The Georgetown Law Journal
- Wheaton College (B.A., Psychology and Spanish, magna cum laude, 2008)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- State Bar of Utah
- State Bar of Illinois
- Federal Bar Association
 - Utah Chapter, Board Member (2018)
- National LGBT Bar Association
- Women Lawyers of Utah

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, Business Litigation (2019)

Other Professional Experience

- Sidley Austin LLP, Associate (2015-2017), Summer Associate (2013)
- Utah Supreme Court, Judicial Clerk to Justice Deno G. Himonas (2015)
- Utah Supreme Court, Judicial Clerk to Associate Chief Justice Ronald E. Nehring (2014-2015)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Appellate Staff, Law Clerk (2013)
- U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Law Clerk (2012)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Law Clerk (2012)
- West Coast Consulting, Finance and Human Resources Associate (2009-2011)

Bar Admissions

- Utah
- Illinois

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Utah
- United States District Court, District of Utah
- Supreme Court of Illinois