



## Natalie Holden

Associate

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**Natalie is a seasoned litigator and advisor who represents clients in complex commercial and governmental disputes in a wide variety of industries that include manufacturing, automotive, technology, health care, and financial services.**

Her experience spans all aspects of complex commercial litigation and arbitration, including discovery, motion practice, pleadings, appellate briefs, and preparing for and participating in arbitration. She has drafted numerous dispositive motions on a broad range of claims, including breach of contract, breach of warranty, and consumer fraud. She also has experience arguing motions in both federal and state court. Natalie has worked on several trial teams where she prepared expert and non-expert witnesses, opening statements, and cross-examinations of key witnesses, and engaged in other pre-trial strategy. She successfully first-chaired a contested evidentiary hearing where she conducted a direct examination of the primary witness and delivered a closing argument.

Natalie also advises clients on legal risks of policies and business practices in a forward-thinking manner to help clients successfully get ahead of potential legal hurdles and pitfalls.

## Key Matters

- Won a motion to dismiss on all counts of a multistate and multclaim consumer class action complaint alleging breach of warranty, fraud, unjust enrichment, and consumer fraud claims.
- First-chaired an asylum evidentiary hearing for a pro bono client, preparing the client for hearing, conducting a direct exam, and delivering a closing argument, resulting in a grant of asylum for the client.
- Defending an automobile manufacturer and distributor in several putative class action lawsuits alleging breach of warranty, fraud, unjust enrichment, and unfair and deceptive trade practices in connection with the manufacturing, design, advertising, marketing, and/or sale of the vehicles.
- Prepared a case for trial, handling all aspects of litigation that included evaluating claims and legal issues, preparing for witness examinations and opening statement at trial, and drafting and arguing pre-trial motions. Ultimately secured a favorable outcome for the client on the eve of trial.
- Second-chaired an arbitration resulting in a favorable verdict for a vehicle financing company.
- Prepared appellate briefs on various contractual and patent-related issues before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- Successfully obtained a preliminary injunction in federal court, challenging a state regulation with widespread commercial consequences based on First Amendment free speech grounds.
- Advised clients on potential legal risks related to a number of internal and external business practices, contracts, and policies.
- Prepared and argued motion to strike class allegations in a breach of fiduciary duty class action lawsuit.
- Prepared a motion for preliminary injunction and third-chaired an oral argument in federal court, challenging state regulation based on dormant commerce clause grounds.
- Prepared and won a motion for summary judgment under the Freedom of Information Act, challenging the federal government's withholding of certain documents.

## Recognitions

- Outstanding Student in Political Science, Honorable Mention, Saint Louis University
  - Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award, Alpha Delta Pi
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## Activities

- Chicago Youth Centers – Auxiliary Board Member and Fundraising Co-Chair
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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Natalie received her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 2016, where she served as Vice President of Careers. She was also active in the Women's Mentoring Program, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Clinic, Federal Defender Clinic, and Trial Intensive Workshop. She received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, in political science and legal studies from Saint Louis University in 2013.

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

## Related Insights & News

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “[Lost Profit Damages Litigation: Recent Trends, Developments, and Defensive Strategies Explore](#),” The Knowledge Group, Co-presenter, July 15, 2021

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### BLOG

Winston Kicks Off Sixth Cohort of D&I Associate Sponsorship Program and Graduates the Class of 2023-2024  
NOVEMBER 25, 2024

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### PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Wins Asylum for Honduran Woman Subjected to Extreme Domestic Violence  
NOVEMBER 25, 2024

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### NEWS

2023 Pro Bono Impact Report  
MAY 1, 2024

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### PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Pro Bono and Winston For Good Collaborate to Help Migrants File for Asylum  
DECEMBER 8, 2023

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### BLOG

Winston & Strawn Launches Fifth Cohort of D&I Associate Sponsorship Program  
OCTOBER 19, 2023

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### ARTICLE

*Commercial Litigation and Cross-Border Enforcement*, Law Over Borders Comparative Guide 2023  
OCTOBER 3, 2023

# Capabilities

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Advertising Litigation

Appellate & Critical Motions

Class Actions & Group Litigation

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

eDiscovery & Information Governance

Product Liability & Mass Torts

Trade Secrets, Non Competes & Restrictive Covenants

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance

Public Companies