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I work closely with clients to provide an innovative approach which matches a legal strategy to their organizational values and goals. To achieve this, I emphasize strong communication, collaboration, and creative problem solving.

Katie Bennett focuses her practice on commercial litigation, with an emphasis on domestic and international complex business disputes. She has successfully represented companies and individuals in a variety of complex high-stakes disputes, both in state and federal courts across the country, as well as in alternative dispute resolution (including mediations and arbitration proceedings). She also represents local Oregon businesses in corporate governance disputes, claims under the UCC, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract. Katie also represents several corporations in catastrophic personal injury disputes, including product liability. Katie has experience in representing large health care systems, both in Oregon and across the United States, in various litigation proceedings as well as in an advisory capacity. Additionally, she has experience representing large energy companies in environmental and breach of contract claims.

Katie is adept at all phases of litigation, from drafting pleadings to depositions and oral arguments. She has also participated in various alternative dispute resolutions, including mediations and arbitrations.

For over two years, Katie served as an adjunct professor for the Loyola University Chicago School of Law, working with students to develop their understanding of fundamental trial skills. During law school, Katie was a member of the Civil Mock Trial Team and competed in multiple trial advocacy competitions across the nation where she had the opportunity to try cases in front of various federal judges.

Professional Activities

- Oregon Women Lawyers, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member
 - Business Litigation Section
 - Executive Committee, Member, 2025-present
 - Member, 2022-present

Education

J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law, *cum laude*, 2018

- Dean's List
- Assistant Executive Director, Loyola Mock Trial Executive Board

B.A., Oregon State University, political science and communications, 2000

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2022
Illinois, 2018

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2022

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2019

- Federal Bar Association, Oregon Chapter, Member
 - Vice President, 2027
 - Executive Board, Secretary, 2025-2026
 - Dinner Committee, Co-Chair, 2024-present

Civic Activities

- Leadership Portland, Portland Metro Chamber, Class of 2026
- Campaign for Equal Justice, Associate Committee, Co-Chair, 2023-present

Representative Experience

Litigation

- Successfully argued and won summary judgment in an Oregon federal case alleging \$161 million in damages for termination of a resident from his surgical residency.
- Successfully mediated several multimillion-dollar business disputes, personal injury claims, employment disputes, and contract disputes involving public entities.
- Represented local businesses in successfully recovering millions of dollars lost as a result of breaches of supply agreements with domestic and international manufacturers.

Publications

- “PFAS Year-End Review: EPA Lays Groundwork for Tighter Regulatory Scrutiny,” Miller Nash, coauthor (Feb, 2023)
- “EPA Issues Historic Proposed Rule to Designate PFOS and PFOA as Hazardous Substances Under CERCLA,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up*, coauthor (Aug. 2022)
- “EPA Issues New HAL for Four Commonly Used PFAS,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up*, coauthor (June 2022)
- “PFAS Roundup: A Brief Summary of the Standards Set by Western States for PFAS in the Environment,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up*, coauthor (June 2022)

Presentations

- “Interactive Mock Trial,” Oregon Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators 2025 Conference (Sep. 2025)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® (Portland, OR)
 - Commercial Litigation, 2027-present
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2025-present

Personal Activities

After spending seven years in the Midwest, Katie spends most of her free time reacquainting herself with all the Pacific Northwest has to offer. A few of her favorite activities include hiking, wine tasting, and snow shoeing up at Mt. Hood.