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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2013

A.B., Harvard University, Harvard College, 2009 (*cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Trial Bar

Ms. Brown represents an array of clients in complex commercial disputes. She maintains a broad-based practice, litigating high-stakes cases across a variety of substantive areas, including securities, shareholder derivative, antitrust, mass torts and consumer actions, as well as adversary proceedings in bankruptcy. She also represents clients in mass arbitration.

Among several high-profile victories, in 2025, Ms. Brown co-led a major trial win, successfully defending Chicago-based financial services institutions in a breach of contract class action for over \$2 billion in damages — one of the largest damages awards ever sought in a Cook County jury trial. Other representative litigation includes:

- securing the favorable resolutions of actions brought by state retirement systems against global financial institutions for violations of various statutes and common law doctrines in connection with the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities
- securing the dismissal of an adversary proceeding brought against a large packaging corporation raising allegations that the company attempted to rig the outcome of an asset sale in bankruptcy, and the affirmance of the dismissal on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- representing a real estate investment trust (REIT) and the independent members of its board of directors in securing a favorable settlement for the REIT and its shareholders in derivative actions alleging breach of fiduciary duty and other misconduct by directors and company affiliates
- securing the dismissal at summary judgment of a high-profile antitrust action brought against financial services institutions, affirmed on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Ms. Brown also represents clients in regulatory investigations, including matters before the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additionally, she has conducted internal anti-corruption investigations for multinational companies in the communications, pharmaceuticals and life sciences sectors.

Ms. Brown maintains a significant *pro bono* practice. She has litigated several civil rights cases, including representations of incarcerated individuals bringing claims against local correctional facilities. She also was appointed a Special Assistant Cook County State's Attorney to participate in the successful defense at trial of four correctional officers accused of civil rights violations. Ms. Brown also has experience representing individuals in asylum proceedings, including successfully securing asylum for a transgender man from Mexico on a novel legal theory.

Ms. Brown has repeatedly been named to *Best Lawyers' Ones To Watch in America* and *Lawdragon's 500 X — The Next Generation* list, as well as named to *Lawdragon's 500 Leading Litigators in America* list. She also has received the Cook County Bar Association's 2024 Next Generation Award. Outside of the firm, Ms. Brown serves on the board of directors for Legal Aid Chicago.