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Main Bio**Olivia's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts across the country.**

Olivia has represented clients in a large range of disputes including breach of contract, trade secrets, internal investigations, and a variety of class actions. She also defends statutory privacy claims brought under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and Biometric Information Privacy Act. Olivia has a focus on defamation law and has represented tech companies, high-profile individuals, and large corporations in all stages of defamation disputes, from sending cease and desist letters and retraction demands to litigating defamation lawsuits. Olivia is currently part of the team representing a voting machine company in multiple lawsuits stemming from defamatory statements about the company after the 2020 U.S. Presidential election, including a \$2.7 billion lawsuit against Fox News.

Olivia also has extensive experience with pro bono matters, including representing individuals in death penalty appeals, 1983 cases, serving as a guardian ad litem, and representing individuals in small claims court. In 2020, she was part of a team that obtained a temporary restraining order victory on behalf of a class of detainees at the Adelanto Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility in the Central District of California and received an award from the ACLU for her work.

Olivia currently serves on Benesch's Associate Development Committee as the co-chair of Community Engagement, Benesch's Pro Bono Committee, and Benesch's Women's Initiative. She also sits on the Emerging Leaders Council for the Legal Services Corporation.

Olivia currently serves as an adjunct professor for the moot court program at Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Articles and Presentations

- INSIGHT: The Misunderstood Damages Defense to Class Certification | Olivia Sullivan, February 22, 2019

Related Practices

Litigation

Education

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2018, J.D.
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Executive Editor, Conference Management, Loyola University Chicago Law Journal
 - Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
 - Wing Tat Lee International Law Fellow
 - Women's Bar Foundation Scholar
- Wichita State University, 2015, B.S. in Political Science and History
 - Student Body President

Credentials

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

Recognitions

- 2020 Access to Justice Awards, ACLU of Southern California

News

- J. Erik Connolly, Nicole E. Wrigley, Kate Harmon, Caitlin Kovacs and Olivia Elizabeth Sullivan mentioned in Law360 article | “DC Magistrate Judge Rejects Recusal Bid In Smartmatic Case”, December 12, 2023
- Olivia Sullivan mentioned in Law360 Article | “Smartmatic Blasts OAN’s Recusal Bid In Defamation Suit” , August 25, 2023
- Craig L. Sanders and Olivia Sullivan mentioned in Crain’s Chicago Business People on the Move, April 7, 2020
- Sanders and Sullivan mentioned in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (CLDB) People, December 29, 2020