



JULIE JOHNSTON-AHLEN

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Julie Johnston-Ahlen has represented a wide range of corporations, partnerships and individuals in litigation matters.

She has significant experience in state and federal courts, including federal bankruptcy courts. Julie's broad litigation practice has most recently focused on antitrust, bankruptcy, technology, real estate and class action defense.

She also has experience litigating cases involving contracts, intellectual property, fraud, fiduciary relationships, employment, partnerships and closely held corporations.

BACKGROUND

Julie was previously a lawyer at Novack and Macey in Chicago, and joined Armstrong Teasdale in 2023. Prior to that, she was an associate in the bankruptcy practice group of a global firm.

Before attending law school, Julie owned an information technology consulting firm for more than five years.

EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota (J.D., 2002)
 - Order of the Coif
- University of Minnesota (M.B.A., 1994)
- Wells College (B.A., 1992)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Chicago Bar Association

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

EXPERIENCE

Multimillion-Dollar Judgment for Manufacturing Clients Affirmed on Appeal

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Antitrust and Trade Practices

Class Action Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Agribusiness and Food

Consumer Products and Services

Energy and Utilities

Financial Services and Banking

Real Estate, Development, Construction

Technology

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Secured opinion from the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirming a judgment in favor of manufacturing clients who brought breach of contract and fraud claims against sales representative. At trial in federal court in Chicago, the jury awarded over \$3 million in contract damages, \$400,000 in fraud damages and just over \$900,000 in punitive damages. The District Court awarded additional amounts for unjust enrichment and interest for a total judgment over \$5.6 million.

Conflicts Counsel in Health Care Corporation Chapter 11 Proceedings

Serving as conflicts counsel to the unsecured creditors committee for a health care corporation and 216 affiliated debtors in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

Multimillion-Dollar Recovery for Startup Software Developer in Arbitration

Obtained multimillion-dollar recovery plus attorneys' fees and costs for startup software developer in AAA arbitration against reseller for breaching the parties' licensing agreement.

Antitrust Case Involving Agriculture

Represented a multibillion-dollar company against antitrust claims brought by three putative classes, numerous direct-action plaintiffs and various state attorneys general.

Contract and Fraud Case Involving Foreign Manufacturer

Represented a large foreign manufacturer in a contract and fraud dispute against two American companies, including a large American retailer. Secured a multimillion-dollar judgment after a two-week federal jury trial.

Post-COVID-19 Lease Dispute

Represented a global e-commerce company in a commercial lease dispute.

Technology Licensing Dispute

Represented a mobile software company in a software licensing dispute. Secured a complete victory for the company at arbitration.