



## JULIE JOHNSTON-AHLEN

### COUNSEL

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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)
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- 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.