

Booker T. Coleman, Jr.

Counsel



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Practices/Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Securities & Commodities Litigation
- Consumer & Commercial Litigation

Education

University of Wisconsin at
Madison
(B.A., 1998)

Marquette University Law
School (J.D., 2006)

Marquette Law Review,
Articles Editor, 2005-06;
*Marquette Intellectual
Property Law Review*,
Comments Editor, 2005-06

Overview

Booker practices in the firm's Litigation Practice, with a focus on complex business and financial services litigation. He has extensive experience handling numerous aspects of general business litigation from the initial pleadings through case resolution, including being responsible for fact and expert discovery, case management, briefing and motion practice, and trial preparation. Booker's background includes representation of a wide range of clients across a variety of industry sectors from financial services to construction and real estate.

Experience

- Assisted in defense of Fortune 150 corporation in litigation involving statutory and common law fraud claims with responsibilities for handling a variety of fact and expert discovery issues.
- Drafted and successfully argued brief and motion in opposition to summary judgment against manufacturer on easement and intentional tort claims arising from property dispute.
- Briefed successful motion for summary judgment in ERISA litigation on behalf of manufacturer and self-insured plan in defense of breach of fiduciary duty and estoppel claims.
- Assisted in drafting successful summary judgment brief in federal action on behalf of manufacturer and self-insured plan, resulting in award of unpaid insurance proceeds, interest and attorney's fees against stop-loss insurer on breach of contract and bad faith claims.
- Represented manufacturer and assisted in drafting successful summary judgment brief dismissing contract claims brought by acquired company arising from disputed earn-out.
- Negotiated on behalf of a range of clients as attorney-of-record in litigation resolved through mediation and arbitration.
- Represented *pro bono* clients in both state and federal court on a variety of issues, both civil and criminal, including recovering damages on behalf of purchaser for breach of contract and fraud arising from dispute over lease/option to purchase, and drafting and arguing criminal appellate briefs in litigation pending before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

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Involvement (Cont)

Community Involvement

- ABA Young Lawyers Division, Choose Law Program

Honors & Distinctions

- Named to the Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2014-2016)
- Named an “Emerging Lawyer” by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company (2017-2019)
- Named to The National Black Lawyers, Top 100 (2015-2017)

Admissions

- State of Illinois
- State of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin