



## Julia L. Koechley

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### RELATED SERVICES

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability
- Healthcare

### OFFICES

- Chicago

### OVERVIEW

Julia L. Koechley is a Partner in the Chicago office of GRSM. With a practice focusing on commercial, healthcare, and product and general liability litigation, she regularly defends businesses and professionals in a broad range of complex matters, including those involving contract and shareholder disputes, fiduciary duty and fraud claims, other business-related torts, and class actions. As a seasoned litigator, she has significant experience representing clients in all stages of litigation in state and federal courts throughout the country, as well as in alternative dispute resolution.

Julia also maintains an active pro bono practice, having worked over the years with Equip for Equality to ensure that children with disabilities have the right to a free and appropriate public education and with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services to act as a Guardian ad Litem for children.

After beginning her legal career as a Law Clerk and then an Associate at GRSM, Julia worked as an Associate in the Chicago office of an international law firm for over two years. She returned to GRSM as a

Partner in early 2024.

Julia received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from DePaul University College of Law, where she received a certificate in Business Law and served as an Editor of DePaul Law Review. Upon graduation, she was inducted into the Order of the Coif.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Illinois Supreme Court Rejects Plaintiff's Fishy Basis for General Jurisdiction, Mandating that Out-of-State Corporations Be "Essentially at Home" Pursuant to Daimler, *Environmental Toxic Tort Defense Insight*, 2017
- The Activist Shareholders' Migration to Europe: How The United States Can Retain Its Wandering Investors, *DePaul Law Review*, 66 DePaul L. Rev. 605, 2017

## CREDENTIALS

### Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Central Districts of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

### Community Involvement

- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Guardian ad Litem, June 2021 – December 2023
- Equip for Equality, Pro Bono Volunteer, April 2018 – September 2020

### Education

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, DePaul University College of Law, May 2017
  - Order of the Coif
  - Editor of Articles, Notes, and Comments, *DePaul Law Review*
  - CALI Award Recipient: Business Organizations; Remedies; Legal Analysis Research and Communications III; Criminal Procedure; and Litigation Strategy: Pre-Trial Civil
  - Dean's List: Fall 2014-Spring 2017
- B.A., *with honors*, English and Philosophy, University of Missouri, May 2014
  - Creative Nonfiction Honors Program
  - Minors in Sociology and Spanish
  - Certificate in Multicultural Studies
  - Dean's List: Fall 2010-Spring 2014

**Honors**

- *Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars distinction in Business Litigation and Class Action & Mass Torts (2023-2024)