

Kathryn Johnson

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Kate applies substantive legal knowledge and practical experience to help clients develop and implement strategies for navigating complex litigation matters.

Kate is a commercial litigator and partner in Dorsey's Minneapolis office, focusing primarily on construction litigation. She represents owners, contractors and sub-contractors in cases involving construction defect, delay, and scope claims.

While her primary focus industry is construction, Kate also represents clients in a variety of complex commercial cases. She has represented companies in merger litigation and securities class actions, government investigations, and professional liability, antitrust, and general commercial disputes. She also has extensive experience managing all phases of discovery in cases of all sizes, ranging from third party subpoenas to large, complex cases, including use of emerging analytics techniques to increase efficiency and manage costs.

Kate also maintains a vibrant pro bono practice, and has represented clients in housing court, asylum proceedings, and small business disputes. She currently serves on the pro bono defense team in a federal death penalty defense case.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

Professional Affiliations

- Minnesota Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Education

- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (J.D., 2009)
- Whittier College (B.A., Social Work, 2005)
 - *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- Minnesota Women Lawyers

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Construction, Minnesota, 2023-2025
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2012-2024
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Individual Award, 2025
- *Minnesota Monthly*, “Top Lawyers in Minnesota,” 2024
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey’s Pro Bono program
- Contributed more than 50+ Diversity hours, 2022

Insights

February 20, 2026

Urgent Alert: Federal Judge Rules AI-Generated Documents Are Not Privileged – A Game-Changer for Legal Strategy

June 9, 2023

How to Effectively Manage the E-Discovery Process in Complex Commercial Litigation

July 20, 2021

Jocelyn Knoll and Kate Johnson Help City of Minot's Win P3 Dispute

June 20, 2019

Dorsey Partner Steve Wells Discusses Judge Vacating Federal Death Sentence

2018

"Constructing a Successful E-Discovery Strategy: Foundational Principles and Building Blocks," Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers, Volume 12 No. 2

November 20, 2017

Five Disputes Lawyers Join Dorsey Partnership

June 2017

Government Contractors Beware: Failing to Provide Notice to Your Insurer Before Settling May Doom Your Chance of Recovery