

Eileen M. Letts

Partner – Chicago

Eileen Letts is a premier civil trial attorney, with dozens of jury trials and over 100 bench trials, often to Fortune 500 companies and iconic government entities. Ms. Letts has won high-stakes trials in a wide variety of subject matters areas. Areas of focus include product liability, complex tort, commercial disputes and police misconduct.

Ms. Letts is a frequent presenter at continuing legal education seminars and panel discussions of the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Ms. Letts possesses deep roots in the Chicago political community. As an example, she served on the transition team of Chicago Mayor-Elect Harold Washington.

Ms. Letts began her career clerking for the Honorable Glenn T. Johnson, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court.

Professional Affiliations & Activities

- **Member**, Board of Directors, NAMWOLF (National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms).
- **Member**, Racial Justice Diversity Committee for the Northern District of Illinois 2020.
- **Member**, ABA House of Delegates.
- **Member**, Issues of Concern Committee, ABA House of Delegates.
- **Member**, ABA Executive Committee Section of Litigation.
- **Member/Council**, ABA Section of Litigation.
- **Member**, Magistrate Selection Panel, Northern District of Illinois.
- **Member**, AbstoneLalley, Inc. Advisory Board.
- **Managing Director** (past), ABA Section of Litigation.
- **Co-chair** (past), ABA Committee on Corporate Counsel.
- **Member** (past), Board of Directors, Chicago Bar Association.
- **President** (past), Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois.
- **Chair** (past), Illinois Supreme Court, Committee on Character and Fitness.



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Education

IIT Chicago – Kent College of Law
J.D.

Ohio State University
B.A.

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court – N. District of IL

- **Member** (past), Special Supreme Court Committee on Illinois Evidence.

Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- **Moderator**, *Historical Barriers: Challenges and Opportunities for Female Attorneys of Color*, Connecticut Bar Association, February 2021.
- **Moderator**, *Levers for Transformative Organizational Change*, 2021 World Forum for Women in the Law, January 2021.
- **Panelist**, *Left Out and left Behind*, Boston Bar Association, November 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Left Out and Left Behind*, ALFDP Annual Conference, November 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Fireside Chat with Fried Frank*, ABA, November 2020.
- **Panelist**, *A Litigator's Dream or Worst Nightmare*, ABA Section of Litigation, November 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Left Out and Left Behind*, BASF and Northern California Black Women Lawyers, October 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Left Out and Left Behind*, MWL 26th Annual Rosalie Wahl Leadership Lecture, October 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Left Out and Left Behind*, ERA, September 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Leveraging Our Positions to Disrupt Bias and Build More Equitable Pathways to Success*, Forum of Executive Women's Leadership Symposium, September 2020.
- **Panelist**, *From Golf Course to the Pursuit Scorecard*, NAMWOLF Annual Meeting, September 2020.
- **Panelist**, *The Paucity of Women of Color in the Legal Profession and Its Impact on the Administration of Justice*, ABA Annual Meeting, July 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Diversity and Inclusion*, Connecticut Bar Association, July 2020.
- **Panelist**, *Women in Litigation*, Joint CLE Conference, 2019.
- **Moderator**, *Civil Bench Trial Nuts & Bolts*, National Bar Association, 2018.
- **Panelist**, *What is Grit, Why Women Lawyers Need It, and How You Can Learn It to Foster Success*, ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, 2018.
- **Panelist**, *Managing Partners*, Symposium on Women Lawyers in the Courtroom, 2018.

Honors & Achievements

- **Richard E. Westbrook Award**, Cook County Bar Association, 2022
- **Margaret Brent Award**, American Bar Association, 2018.
- **John Paul Stevens Award**, Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation, 2016.
- **Illinois "Super Lawyer"**, 2013 – Present.
- **Earl B. Dickerson Award**, Chicago Bar Association, 2008.
- **Pro Bono Initiative Award**, Public Interest Law Initiative, 2008.
- **Selectee**, *Who's Who in Black Chicago*, inaugural edition, 2006.
- **Distinguished Service Award**, Chicago Bar Association, 2005.