

Katelin J. Eastman

Associate

Overview

Katelin serves as a trusted advisor and advocate for clients throughout the private and public sectors and has significant experience working with educational institutions.

As part of her practice, Katelin counsels employers in all aspects of labor and employment law, including hiring, discipline, termination, employee benefits, and federal and state employment discrimination matters under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Illinois Human Rights Act, and Title VII. Katelin's practice also focuses on traditional labor relations, where she advises and represents clients in unfair labor practice proceedings, at arbitration, and in matters related to collective bargaining.

Katelin also has been recognized for her appellate advocacy and has successfully argued for a new constructive filing rule in the Ninth Circuit.

Prior to joining Michael Best, Katelin was a Labor & Employment Associate at a Chicago-based law firm. Earlier in her career, she represented self-insured multi-employer ERISA plans.

Honors & Recognitions

- California Lawyer Attorney of the Year in Appellate Practice, 2016

Professional Activities

- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2015
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Master of Dispute Resolution (M.D.R.), 2015
- Gonzaga University, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), *summa cum laude*, 2012



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Practices

Employee Benefits & Executive
Compensation
Labor & Employment Relations

Admissions

- Supreme Court Illinois
- Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court

Related News

PUBLICATION

January 16, 2020
DOL Issues New FLSA Joint Employer Rule

EVENT

September 2019
Presentation, “Understanding Illinois’ Minimum Wage Law and other Wage-Related Statutes”

EVENT

July 2019
Presentation, “Employee Misconduct and Managing Employee Leaves of Absence for Administrators”

EVENT

May 2019
Presentation, “Basics of Employer/Employee Relationships and Key Employment Laws”

EVENT

April 2019
Presentation, “Update on Pension Rules, Regulations, and Proposed Legislation”

EVENT

September 2018
Presentation, “Developments in Labor Law Including the Impact of Janus, Public Pension Changes, and Union Organization”