



**Katherine Kieckhafer**

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Katherine specializes in complex trial litigation involving scientific and technical subject matter, including intellectual property litigation. Her cases have involved a wide array of subject matters, including small-molecule drugs, biologics, genetic testing platforms, medical devices, offshore wind turbines, and baby car seats. She has experience in all phases of litigation, from pre-litigation diligence to appeal, including extensive trial experience coordinating teams and presenting witnesses in court. In addition to her trial experience, Katherine has a fulsome pro bono practice that includes representing pro se litigants before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Prior to joining Goldman Ismail, Katherine practiced at other leading national law firms. Katherine earned her B.S. in cellular and molecular biology from the University of Michigan, her M.S. in biochemistry, molecular, and cellular biology from Cornell University, and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. After graduation, and before entering private practice, Katherine clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

*\*Not licensed to practice law in Illinois\**

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**Private Practice**

Associate, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli  
Brennan & Baum LLP

Associate, A&O Shearman

Counsel, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and  
Dorr LLP

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**Education**

University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)

Cornell University (M.S., Biochemistry, Molecular, and Cellular Biology)

University of Michigan (B.S., Cellular and Molecular Biology)

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**Judicial Clerkship**

Honorable Richard C. Tallman, United States Court  
of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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**Of Note**

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Appellate Practice & Litigation – Intellectual  
Property (2025)

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**Bar & Court Admission**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	District of Massachusetts
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	

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