

Kaleigh Barrett

Associate

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As a skilled researcher and writer, Kaleigh Barrett leverages her outstanding communication and analytical skills to craft precise, focused, and compelling arguments that help drive successful resolutions for clients facing complex litigation challenges. Kaleigh draws upon these skills at all stages of litigation, from research and discovery through motion practice and trial preparation.



Kaleigh is a dynamic litigator with experience handling a variety of complex litigation matters, including commercial, white collar, labor and employment, and class action disputes. Informed by her tenure as a judicial and *pro se* law clerk in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Kaleigh has a talent for identifying and distilling key legal issues that directly impact the outcome of a case. She applies this expertise in her oral and written advocacy to strategically position her clients for the best possible results in furtherance of their business priorities and goals.

Beyond the courtroom, Kaleigh partners with clients to design, implement, and enhance compliance programs that align with current regulations, industry best practices, and oversight priorities. She is often called upon to interpret, analyze, and advise clients on new and emerging trends in the regulatory landscape to ensure compliance. Equipped with this knowledge, Kaleigh works closely with clients to conduct risk assessments, draft compliance policies and procedures, and develop relevant training programs. She is also relied upon to conduct internal investigations involving sensitive compliance issues, including allegations of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Prior to law school, Kaleigh worked as a Girl's Empowerment Coordinator in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where she developed a values-based curriculum for at-risk youth. She continues to serve her community as a P.E.A.K. mentor for high school students at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. Kaleigh is also an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where she teaches an appellate writing and advocacy course as part of Loyola's Honors Appellate Advocacy Program.

EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Jeremy C. Daniel, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2023-2024)

Pro Se Law Clerk, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2022-2023)

Representative Engagements

- Obtained dismissal of putative class action alleging violations of Michigan's No-Fault Insurance Act against insurance company on motion to dismiss.

CREDENTIALS

Education

Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2020, *magna cum laude*
Dean's List
CALI Award for Excellence in Advocacy and Legal Writing II
Criminal Law Tutor
Children's Legal Rights Journal, Publications Editor
National Child Welfare and Adoption Law Moot Court Team
Student Bar Association, Vice President
Saint Louis University, B.A., Psychology and Spanish, 2016, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Professional Memberships

Chicago Bar Association
Illinois State Bar Association

Honors & Awards

Illinois Rising Stars, *Thomson Reuters' Illinois Super Lawyers* (2026)

Teaching Appointments

Adjunct Professor, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (2025 – Present)

Languages Spoken & Fluency

Spanish, Proficient

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“EEOC Scrutiny of DEI Programs: What Companies Need to Know (co-author), *RSHC Client Alert* (June 12, 2026)
“President Trump’s Executive Orders on DEI and Their Potential Impact on the Private Sector,” (co-author), *RSHC Client Alert* (February 25, 2025)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Loyola University Chicago School of Law Honors Appellate Advocacy Program,
Moot Court Coach (2023-present)
P.E.A.K. Volunteer, mentoring high school students at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago