

Natalie Ellis

Associate

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A dedicated and fearless advocate with experience in all stages of litigation, Natalie Ellis defends clients in complex cases, primarily product liability and mass tort claims, in state and federal courts. She provides creative solutions and strategies rooted in a deep appreciation of her clients' business needs and objectives, putting them in the best position to succeed when litigation arises.

Natalie is highly valued for her ability to grasp the technical nuances of her clients' products and develop legal analyses specific to the unique considerations of each matter. Clients appreciate that she goes above and beyond to provide the most efficient and effective solutions.

Prior to joining RSHC, Natalie practiced medical malpractice at a Chicago-based law firm where she defended hospitals, physicians, nurses, and other health care staff.



EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

Judicial Extern, Hon. Sharon Johnson Coleman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2017)

CREDENTIALS

Education

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., 2017, *cum laude*
CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Advanced Trial Advocacy & Professional Responsibility (2017)
Public Interest Law Initiative Internship, CARPLS (2017)
Administrative Editor, Elder Law Journal (2015-2016)
Black Law Student Association, President (2015-2016)
University of Illinois College of Law Trial Team (2015-2016)
University of Missouri-Saint Louis, M.A., Communication, 2014
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Murray State University, B.S., Organizational Communication, 2012, *cum laude*
Dean's List
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, President (2011-2012)

Bar Admissions

Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit



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

Professional Memberships

Black Women Lawyers Association of Greater Chicago (2016 – Present)
Law Firm Committee, Chair (2024-2025)
Judicial Evaluation Committee, Co-Chair (2019-2022)
Chicagoland Healthcare Risk Management Society (2020-2023)
Federal Bar Association
Illinois State Bar Association (2022 – Present)
National Bar Association (2021 – Present)
Membership Committee, Member
Professional Women's Club of Chicago (2023)

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Product Liability Litigation-Defendants, 2025-2026),
Best Lawyers®
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Pathfinder Atlas Award (2025)
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Pathfinder (2025)

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

"Through Her Clerks' Eyes II: The Barrier-Breaking Career of Judge Baker Motley, and Her Honor's Living Legacy Empowering the Next Generation of Practitioners," (moderator)
Federal Bar Association (February 28, 2025)
"The Tension Between the Ethical Obligation to Promote Diversity in the Legal Field and the Current Climate," (co-speaker) CCBA, BWLA, and BLMA Platt-Wheeler Legal Education Symposium (February 27, 2025)
"New Year, New AI Policy in Illinois," (author) *RSHC Client Alert* (December 24, 2024)
"Navigating Gendered Bias, Expectations, and Stereotypes in the Courtroom and Beyond," (panelist) University of Illinois College of Law, Anderson Center Fall Symposium: What It Takes to Be a Trial Lawyer if You're Not a Man, Champaign, IL (November 8, 2024)
"Finding Your Niche," (panelist) University of Illinois College of Law WLS Symposium Webinar (March 2024)
"Balancing The Scales," (panelist) University of Illinois College of Law WLS Symposium Webinar (March 2023)
"FCA'S Scienier Standard: To Change or Not To Change, That is the Question," *Amundsen Davis Health Care Alert* (February 23, 2023)
"Tag Talk," Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, KY (April 2021)
"How to Build Your Brand," (moderator) Cook County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section (2018)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Kimball R. and Karen Gatis Anderson Center for Advocacy and Professionalism (2022 – Present)
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Chicago Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter (2020 – 2024)
Collegiate Transition Committee, Co-Chair



Board Member
Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Inc. (2018-2022)
Bar Mentorship Program, Mentor
Public Interest Law Initiative (2018-2021)
Alumnae Mentor