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Services

Antitrust Litigation
Class Action Defense
Complex Commercial Litigation

Industries

Health & Life Sciences



Gwendolyn Payton focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, class actions, health care, and antitrust and trade litigation. She has active trial practice in state and federal courts, and regularly argues appeals in state and federal courts.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Payton was a shareholder in the Seattle, Washington office of a large law firm where she was Chair of its Class Action Practice Group and Co-Chair of its Health Care Practice Group and her practice focused on antitrust and trade regulation, class action defense, health care, intellectual property and technology.

Ms. Payton was listed in the 2019 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for General Commercial Litigation. She was recognized as a "Washington Rising Star" (2001-2012) and a "Washington Super Lawyer" (2016-2018) for Class Action/Mass Torts by *Super Lawyers* magazine. Ms. Payton was named a "Local Litigation Star" in 2017, a "Future Star" (2009-2016), and one of "Top 250 Women in Litigation" (2012-2018) by *Benchmark Litigation*. She is the recipient of the Outstanding Mentor Award in 2016 by the King County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. Ms. Payton was recognized as a "Forty Under 40" in 2008 by *Puget Sound Business Journal*. She is AV Preeminent[®] rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

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Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D. (1996)



University of Chicago, B.A., Art History (1994)

Admissions

Washington (1997)

Alaska (1997)

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

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

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

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

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

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

U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon

U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Professional & Community Activities

Pacific Northwest Ballet, Trustee; Gala Chair (2013, 2014 and 2017)

Yoga Behind Bars, Advisory Counsel

Insights

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Top-Tier Recognition from Chambers USA 2019

May 2, 2019

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Seven Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Recognized in Benchmark Litigation 2018

September 24, 2018



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Gwendolyn Payton Recognized as One of Top 250 Women in Litigation

July 17, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2018 Washington Super Lawyers

June 21, 2018

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Six Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2017 Washington Super Lawyers

June 27, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsends Complex Commercial Litigation Practice Expands into Growing Seattle Office

June 12, 2017