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Jani Mikel focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation. Jani represents public and private companies in a wide range of matters, including data privacy, toxic torts, antitrust and trade regulation, products liability, restrictive covenant violations, employment litigation, and other commercial matters. Jani has litigated cases in both federal (including appellate courts) and state courts and has litigated matters in binding arbitration.

Jani also represents companies and individuals in regulatory, civil, and criminal proceeding initiated by government agencies for alleged wrongdoing and advises clients on enforcement and other litigation matters, including allegation of bribery, the Anti-Kickback Statute, and financial and regulatory fraud (e.g. False Claims Act).

Jani has experience conducting data breach investigations and counseling clients on incident response plans. She assists companies from notification of the data incident through engaging necessary forensic consultants, investigating the data breach, determining notification requirements, and interfacing with regulatory agencies as necessary. She also assists clients by conducting risk assessments, revising internal security policies, and regulatory compliance with federal, state, and international regulations, such as California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), and the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Her experience with complex antitrust issues includes managing the collection, review, and submission of information in response to Civil Investigative Demands and Second Requests, and assisting in the case management and strategy throughout the stages of investigatory proceedings. Additionally, Jani advises clients on eDiscovery issues.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Commercial Disputes
Antitrust and Trade Regulation
Data Privacy and Security
Product Liability and Mass Torts
White Collar Crime and Government Investigations

Education

J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 2018, *Elder Law Journal*, Administrative Editor, cum laude
B.A., Spelman College, 2014

Admissions

Bars

Illinois

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana

Related Content

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide
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Related Professional Experience

- Judicial Extern for the Honorable Joan Lefkow, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, January-May 2018

- Public Defender's Office, Student Legal Relief, New Orleans, Law Clerk, January 2016

Published Work and Lectures

- *Media and Privacy Risk Report*, Co-Author, "GDPR in the USA? New State Legislation is Making This Closer to Reality," March 18, 2021
- *Media and Privacy Risk Report*, Author, "Parking Tickets, Jaywalking, and Cybersecurity Breaches at Multinational Companies: City Ordinances are Coming Off the Streets and Into the Server Room," January 10, 2020

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in Illinois for Commercial Litigation as "One to Watch"
- The National Black Lawyers, Listed in the "Top 40 Under 40" for Illinois, 2020