

PAUL B. RIETEMA, Partner

Paul B. Rietema is a partner in Jenner & Block's Chicago office concentrating in complex disputes involving securities and shareholder claims, government enforcement actions and commercial litigation. His experience includes counseling public companies, officers and directors in connection with claims in state and federal forums and at all stages of the litigation process, from pre-litigation counselling through trial and appeal.

Mr. Rietema is a member of the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation, Class Action and Consumer Law practice groups. He has assisted clients in federal and state courts and arbitral forums across the country, including in cases involving overlapping domestic and foreign litigation. In securities matters, Mr. Rietema has defended and is defending clients in both securities fraud class actions and derivative actions alleging fiduciary misconduct by officers and directors. In one recent matter, Mr. Rietema worked as part of a team to counsel a public company's board through the process of receiving, investigating and responding to a shareholder demand, and then successfully defended that response through litigation. His practice in connection with government enforcement actions spans both civil and criminal matters and has involved the DOJ, SEC and other state and federal entities.

Mr. Rietema's substantial pro bono practice has included the successful defense of a capital murder prosecution in Georgia, obtaining a multi-million dollar award for a Chicago non-profit, and § 1983 cases involving excessive force and medical indifference. Mr. Rietema is a member of the American Bar Association and served in 2013 and 2014 as a subcommittee co-chair in the Commercial & Business Litigation section. He currently serves on the firm's Hiring Committee.

Mr. Rietema joined the firm after clerking on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for the Honorable E. Grady Jolly and serving as an adjunct professor of Law at Mississippi College School of Law. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2009, graduating *cum laude* and serving as executive editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*.

Awards

- Law Bulletin Publishing Company - Leading Lawyers Network "Emerging Lawyers," Commercial Litigation – 2017, 2019

Service To The Bar

- American Bar Association
Member 2010
- Chicago Bar Association
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PRACTICE GROUPS

Aviation and Aerospace
Class Action
Complex Commercial Litigation
Consumer Law
Litigation
Private Wealth

INDUSTRY GROUPS

Education

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2009; *cum laude*;
Executive Editor, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*

Calvin College, B.A., 2006

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2010

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 2010

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit,
2011

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 2018

U.S. District Court, Northern District of
Illinois, 2012

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
(Trial Bar), 2019

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois,
2019

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. E. Grady Jolly, U.S. Court of Appeals,
Fifth Circuit 2009 - 2010 (Clerkship)

Publications

- Client Alert: Co-Author, False Claims Act Enforcement and Recovery Down in 2018, January 24, 2019
- Client Alert: False Claims Act Enforcement Actions, Total Recovery Steady in 2017, January 12, 2018
- Co-Author, *Class Actions 2015 Edition*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Education, November 2015
- Co-Author, "Chapter 11: Settlement and Consideration," *Class Actions 2013*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, November 7, 2012
- Co-Author, "Supreme Court Clarifies Securities Class Certification," American Bar Association Section of Litigation *News & Developments*, November 17, 2011
- "Reconceptualizing Split-Recovery Statutes: Philip Morris USA v. Williams, 127 S. Ct. 1057 (2007)," Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, Vol. 31, Summer 2008

Speaking Engagements

- Co-Presenter, "The Long (But Not Unlimited) Arm of U.S. Jurisdiction: Walden & Diamler AG," TechLaw Webinar, January 2016