

PAUL B. RIETEMA, Partner

Paul B. Rietema is a partner in Jenner & Block's Chicago office concentrating in complex civil litigation. He has represented clients in matters involving major contract disputes, fiduciary duty claims against directors and professionals, federal and state false claims acts, appellate litigation and government enforcement actions.

Mr. Rietema is a member of the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation, Class Action, Consumer Law and Private Wealth practice groups. He has assisted clients in federal and state courts across the country, including in cases involving overlapping domestic and foreign litigation. Recently, Mr. Rietema was a member of teams that achieved the favorable settlement of a complex software dispute and the successful defense at trial in a long-running challenge to management of a family trust. His practice in connection with government enforcement actions against corporations spans both civil and criminal matters.

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 Hon. E. Grady Jolly and serving as an adjunct professor of Law at Mississippi College School of Law. He earned his JD from Harvard Law School in 2009, graduating *cum laude* and serving as executive editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*.

Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America*
One to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2021
- Law Bulletin Publishing Company - Leading Lawyers Network
"Emerging Lawyers", Commercial Litigation – 2017, 2019
- American Bar Association, 2016 Exceptional Service Award
- Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, 2014 Corporate Partner Award

Community Involvement

- Chicago Children's Museum
Member, Auxiliary Board, 2020-Present
- Center for Conflict Resolution Member, Auxiliary Board, 2014



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PRACTICE GROUPS

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

EDUCATION

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

Calvin College, BA, 2006

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2010

COURT ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 2010

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit,
2011

US Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 2018

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois,
2012

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
(Trial Bar), 2019

US District Court, Central District of Illinois,
2019

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. E. Grady Jolly, US Court of Appeals,
Fifth Circuit, 2009 - 2010

- Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago
Lawyers in the Classroom, Instructor, 2014, 2015, 2017-Present

Service To The Bar

- American Bar Association
CBL Subcommittee Co-Chair, 2013-2014
Member
- Chicago Bar Association
Member

Publications

- Co-Author, State Reopening Orders Tracker Provides Updated Information on the Changing Economic Landscape – Updated: May 7, 2020 - October 15, 2020, October 9, 2020
- Co-Author, “New Covid-19 Securities Developments: Class Action Omissions Theory and SEC Enforcement Actions,” ABA’s *Securities Litigation*, August 13, 2020
- *Class Actions*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2020
- “Early Lessons from the First COVID-19 Securities Class Action Lawsuits to Hit Cruise Line and Pharmaceutical Company,” ABA Section of Litigation, May 20, 2020
- Co-Author, *Consumer Finance Observer* – Spring 2020, May 14, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: New COVID-19 Securities Developments: Class Action Omissions Theory and SEC Enforcement Actions, April 29, 2020
- Co-Author, COVID-19: Essential Business Orders – Updated: March 31, 2020; April 2, 2020; April 3, 2020; April 8, 2020; April 13, 2020; April 21, 2020, April 21, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: COVID-19: Essential Business Orders – Issued Before March 31, 2020, March 31, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: COVID-19: Key Takeaways from the Essential Business Orders Issued Thus Far, March 27, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: False Claims Act Enforcement and Recovery Steady in 2019, February 5, 2020
- Co-Author, *Personal Jurisdiction in Illinois*, Jenner & Block Practice Series 2020, January 30, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: False Claims Act Enforcement and Recovery Down in 2018, January 24, 2019
- Co-Author, 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, 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 US Jurisdiction: Walden & Diamler AG,” TechLaw Webinar, January 2016