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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law - J.D. Cum Laude
University of Illinois - B.S. Honors

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Intellectual Property

BIOGRAPHY

A partner at the firm, Kerry Garvis Wright represents clients across a broad range of businesses in commercial litigation. Her focus is on entertainment, sports, and employment-related matters. Maintaining both her Illinois and California bar licenses, she has defended companies large and small, ranging from global, publicly-traded companies, such as Tiffany & Co., and major motion picture studios to smaller production companies and other entrepreneurial ventures. Her clients have also included high net worth individuals and celebrities, including world renowned architect Frank Gehry, as well as NBA athletes and agents. She has defended a multitude of high stakes lawsuits involving claims for fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and claims of wrongful termination, workplace discrimination, and harassment. Her plaintiff clients have included individuals and companies involved in business disputes, including actions for trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement and other related business claims.

Ms. Garvis Wright has represented clients before governmental entities, such as the Federal Trade Commission, defending such claims as for alleged false advertising. She even appeared before the California Boxing Commission relating to litigation between producers of competing boxing-themed reality televisions. Recently, she successfully handled an appeal to the Producers Guild of America for a client who was denied "Produced by" credit for a major motion picture.

An experienced trial lawyer in both courtroom and arbitration settings, Ms. Garvis Wright appears as first-chair, or as second-chair, alongside the firm's litigation department head and "trial icon," Patricia Glaser.

Ms. Garvis Wright received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois, Champaign with high honors, and her Juris Doctorate from University of Illinois College of Law cum laude, where she was on the University of Illinois Law Review.

She has been selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers - Rising Stars.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Commercial Litigation

- As second chair, Ms. Garvis Wright obtained a jury verdict in favor of her client, an international and publicly traded real estate brokerage firm in a trial of a \$15 million claim brought by a developer arising out of a failed real estate transaction. After only 50 minutes of deliberations, the jury delivered a unanimous defense verdict.

Real Estate Litigation

- Ms. Garvis Wright second-chaired a trial in which she and Ms. Glaser obtained a judgment of nonsuit - after two weeks of testimony and just moments before closing arguments were set to begin - for celebrated architect Frank Gehry and his design company Gehry Design. The plaintiff limited liability company sought more than \$22 million, alleging that it was entitled to one-half of the proceeds Gehry Design earns from sales of the jewelry it designs for international jewelry house Tiffany & Co. Prior to trial even beginning, Ms. Garvis Wright successfully argued a motion which resulted in the court reducing the claimed damages by \$20 million.

Sports Litigation

- As lead trial counsel, Ms. Garvis Wright obtained an arbitration award in favor of her client, an NBA superstar, in a multimillion dollar action brought by his personal manager. Ms. Garvis Wright convinced the arbitrator that the agreement between her client and his manager was unconscionable and unenforceable, and procured by undue influence. The arbitration award was upheld by the Colorado Supreme Court.