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Areas of Practice

Litigation/Trial Practice | Trusts and Estates | Intellectual Property

Nellie C. Stoeckel is an Associate in the Trusts and Estates and Litigation Groups of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. Ms. Stoeckel was an Associate at Freeborn & Peters, which combined with SGR in 2023.

With her extensive litigation background, Ms. Stoeckel is adept in pre-litigation resolution techniques, and defends clients on a wide range of trust and estate litigation issues, including will and trust contests and breach of fiduciary duty cases. A strong negotiator and adroit case strategist, she is also well-versed in motion practice and engaging in large scale discovery, and trial attendance.

Before practicing law, she served as an IP/Litigation Paralegal at Katten, where she garnered experience in trial preparation. Her early career concentrated in commercial litigation and multi-district products liability cases. Since 2006, she has specialized in intellectual property and patent and trademark litigation. Throughout her career, Ms. Stoeckel has regularly donated time to pro bono matters, advocating on behalf of the indigent and disadvantaged.

Ms. Stoeckel earned her B.A. from DePaul University, and her J.D. from UIC John Marshall Law School.

Admissions

Illinois

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

Continued

Memberships

Chicago Bar Association
Illinois Bar Association
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Clinic
National Immigrant Justice Center
Chicago Estate Planning Council
Hispanic Lawyer Association

Languages

Spanish