



Elise Puma

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PRACTICES

- Banking and Financial Services Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Health Care

EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma College of Law, J.D., with highest honors, 2015, SBA Student Body President, Order of the Barristers, Oklahoma Law Review, Editor, Board of Advocates, Comfort Top Ten Scholar, Order of the Coif
- Florida International University, M.S. Criminal Justice, 2012
- University of Oklahoma, B.A. Psychology with Criminology Minor, 2010

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Michigan USDC, Western District
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District

Elise brings her prior work experience from higher education and marketing to apply practical approaches to all stages of federal and state complex commercial litigation.

In particular, Elise zealously advocates for clients as both plaintiffs and defendants in discovery, alternative dispute resolution, trials, and appeals. She has experience assisting clients in a variety of litigation, including class actions, health care investigations, business torts, consumer protection, contract disputes, and landlord-tenant matters.

Elise's practice involves numerous industries, such as manufacturing, banking and finance, and health care. Elise has helped clients navigate complex discovery disputes, respond to DOJ health care investigations, successfully transfer cases based on personal jurisdiction, and win over \$4 million in damages for a landlord-tenant contract dispute.

Prior to joining Thompson Coburn, Elise graduated with highest honors from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. During law school, Elise honed her advocacy skills on multiple moot court teams, earning a second place finish at the National Health Law competition and a top eight finish at the Moot Court National Championships. Elise also demonstrated exceptional research and writing skills by earning the highest grade in both Advanced Legal Research and Advanced Persuasive Writing.

Outside the firm, Elise is actively involved in the community. She handles pro bono landlord-tenant cases, volunteers through multiple organizations, and participates in local bar associations.

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP
Associate, 2015-Present
Summer Associate, 2014
- University of Oklahoma Office of
Legal Counsel Legal Intern,
2013-2014
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Western
District of Oklahoma Appellate
Division Law Clerk, 2013
- Atkinson, Haskins, Nellis,
Brittingham, Gladd & Fiasco
(Tulsa) Law Clerk, 2013

COMMUNITY

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan
St. Louis
- Defense Research Institute
- Junior League of St. Louis
- Missouri Organization of Defense
Lawyers
- OU Alumni Association - St.
Louis Chapter
- Women's Lawyers Association
- Young Friends of Downtown St.
Louis