



## Marvis A. Barnes

### Associate

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## OVERVIEW

Marvis Barnes is an associate at the firm's Chicago office. He is a member of the Commercial Disputes practice group. Marvis has successfully represented numerous midsize and large corporations in a variety of complex commercial disputes. This includes, but is not limited to, defense and prosecution of breach of contract and fraud claims; Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA) actions; Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) class actions; commercial real estate enforcement actions concerning contracts, fraud, the Fair Debt and Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) and the Illinois Eviction Act; employment class action disputes concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act (IWPCA) and the Illinois Minimum Wage Law (IMWL); matters on behalf of banking institutions; as well as high exposure premises and product liability matters.

Marvis delivers legal strategy, sharp analysis and strong communication skills on behalf of clients in complex cases.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before attending law school, he worked for a medical device division of a Fortune 100 company doing marketing, data analytics, and sales. During law school, he was a judicial extern for the Hon. Holly F. Clemons of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois, Editor in Chief of the Illinois Business Law Journal, College of Law Moot Court Board Member, College of Law Trial Team Member, and Treasurer of the Black Law Students Association. Prior to joining the firm, Marvis served as an associate at a large U.S. law firm where he also concentrated his practice in complex commercial litigation and business disputes.

Marvis has extensive experience in all phases of litigation, including case evaluation and investigation, preparation of pleadings, fact witness depositions, expert witness depositions, dispositive motion practice, settlement negotiations, client consultation, trial and appeal. Over the course of his career he has successfully represented a diverse clientele in a broad range of complex commercial litigation matters. Including, but not limited to, defense and prosecution of breach of contract and fraud claims; Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA) actions; Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) class actions; commercial real estate enforcement actions concerning contracts, fraud, the Fair Debt and Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) and the Illinois Eviction Act; employment class action disputes concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Illinois Wage Payment

and Collection Act (IWPCA) and the Illinois Minimum Wage Law (IMWL); matters on behalf of banking institutions; as well as high exposure premises and product liability matters.

Marvis has also first chaired and second chaired bench and jury trials.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" for Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Law, 2022 and 2023
- "Illinois Top 40 Under 40 Award" The National Black Lawyers Network

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Chicago Bar Association (CBA)
- Cook County Bar Association (CCBA)
- Illinois Bar Association
- High School Interviewer, Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund

## ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- Avid soccer player and fan

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 2014 (*Editor in Chief, Illinois Business Law Journal; Board Member, College of Law Moot Court; College of Law Trial Team; National BLSA Midwest Regional Competition, Best Brief & 3rd Place Overall; Dean's List*)
- B.S., Florida State University, 2009

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 14 March 2024, New Illinois Laws for 2024 Affecting Real Estate
- 22 November 2022, Litigation Minute: Current Issues in Cryptocurrency-Related Litigation

- 11 November 2020, Congratulations to Our Diverse and Women Lawyers

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- What 5-Year BIPA Time Limit Means For Class Action Defenses, *Law360*, 6 March 2023

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 2 November 2020, Numerous K&L Gates Diverse and Women Lawyers Recognized for Leadership and Legal Accomplishments

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Biometric Data Compliance and Defense