

Miller Canfield Expands Business Litigation + Trial Services

Four Trial Lawyers Join Chicago Office

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The law firm of Miller Canfield has expanded its business litigation and trial services with the addition of four lawyers in the Chicago office. **Dean A. Dickie**, principal; **Katharine N. Dunn**, associate; **Kathleen E. Koppenhoefer**, associate; and **Robert C. Levels**, associate, bring a combined 45 years of business litigation and trial experience to the firm.

"We're pleased to have this talented group of lawyers join our Chicago office," said Michael W. Hartmann, CEO of Miller Canfield. "Dean Dickie is a top trial lawyer, handling major national business and commercial cases. He and his associates are a strong business litigation and trial team. Their presence complements our existing litigation services and broadens our capabilities and resources for our U.S. and international clients."

Dean A. Dickie has over 30 years of trial experience in federal and state courts throughout the U.S. He has successfully resolved jury and non-jury cases involving a variety of business and commercial matters, construction, securities, product liability and professional liability claims. He has represented officers, directors, and corporations in a variety of matters including securities fraud, insider trading, breach of fiduciary duty, accounting malpractice, Securities Exchange arbitration, usurpation of corporate opportunities and employment discrimination claims. He has extensive jury trial experience in all kinds of intellectual property matters, construction litigation, professional and product liability claims, first party insurance litigation including bad faith claims against the carriers and class action matters representing both the class and defendants.

Dickie is a member of the American Bar Association, N Club of Northwestern University and is an adjunct professor of Trial Advocacy at Northwestern University Law School. He is admitted to practice in Illinois, as well as in the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Claims Court, U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit, and U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois and Eastern District of Michigan. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A., with honors, from Northwestern University. He also attended Exeter College in Oxford, England. Upon completion of law school, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Hubert L. Will of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

Katharine N. Dunn focuses her practice on complex litigation matters including commercial and intellectual property disputes. Her general litigation experience has involved virtually all aspects of case management in state and federal cases, including appellate work. She is admitted to practice in Illinois, as well as the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois and the U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit. She received her J.D. from Loyola University and her B.A. from Boston College.

Kathleen E. Koppenhoefer has significant experience representing corporations and individuals in a variety of commercial contract, tort and intellectual property disputes, with a focus on complex consumer finance class action litigation. She also represents employers in all varieties of discrimination lawsuits and other employment disputes. She is admitted to practice in Illinois and Michigan, before the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Northern District of Illinois and Southern District of Illinois, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit. She received her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame and her B.A., magna cum laude, from Albion College.

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Robert C. Levels focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, products liability cases, and consumer class actions. He has a deep knowledge of the Class Action Fairness Act and jurisdictional issues related to class actions. Levels has represented clients in a variety of commercial contract disputes, including supply chain disputes subject to the Uniform Commercial Code. He has also defended clients in multiple industries and jurisdictions against a variety of "no injury" consumer class cases as well as class cases featuring allegations of consumer fraud, conspiracy, and violations of state and federal law. Levels has also devoted a considerable amount of time to pro bono work for civil litigants and asylum seekers. He serves on the Associate Board for the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms and on the Leadership Council of the Posse Foundation. He is admitted to practice in Illinois and before the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. from Yale University.

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