



Gabriel A. Crowson

Senior Associate

Gabriel Crowson specializes in commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on consumer class action defense. He has litigated a number of class action cases in state and federal courts, involving claims under a variety of consumer fraud laws, such as the TILA, FDCPA, HOEPA, RESPA, and state deceptive practices statutes. Mr. Crowson has also authored several articles and spoken on the Class Action Fairness Act.

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ADMISSIONS

Illinois
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EDUCATION

Tulane University Law School (JD, 2002), *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

Louisiana State University (BA, 1999)

Mr. Crowson also has extensive experience in financial services litigation, having successfully defended a number of lender-liability suits. He has also secured the dismissal of several class action cases based on banking preemption principles.

COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

PRO BONO

- *Yolanda Anderson, et al v. Alphonso Jackson, et al.*. Represented a putative class of public housing residents asserting civil rights claims against the New Orleans Housing Authority and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, arising from continued displacement after Hurricane Katrina. (United States District Court for Eastern District of Louisiana, No. 06-3298).
- *Figiel v. Chicago Planning Commission, et al.*. Represent the Chicago Children's museum in litigation brought by residents who object to the museum's proposed relocation of its facility to a site in Chicago's Grant Park. Successfully obtained the dismissal of all suits brought by the plaintiffs.

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ARTICLES

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"Resorting to CAFA's Legislative History Resolves Some Ambiguities." *Consumer Financial Services Law Report* Vol. 9 (November 2, 2005).

"Practitioners review 'abstention' procedure under Sections 1332(d)(3) and (4)." *Consumer Financial Services Law Report* Vol. 9 (June 15, 2005).

"Mapping the New Class Action Frontier – A Primer on the Class Action Fairness Act and Amended Rule 23." *Consumer Finance Law Quarterly Report* Vol. 59 (Spring 2005).

"The Newly Enacted Class Action Fairness Act (Part 2 of 2)." *Consumer Financial Services Law Report* Vol. 8 (March 23, 2005).

"The Newly Enacted Class Action Fairness Act (Part 1 of 2)." *Consumer Financial Services Law Report* Vol. 8 (March 9, 2005).