



About Us

Foote, Mielke, Chavez & O’Neil, LLC (FMCO) is a highly regarded boutique complex civil litigation law firm with a large national footprint. Founding partners Kathleen Chavez and Robert Foote pride themselves on having established one of the most recognized and innovative complex litigation law firms in the United States. FMCO has offices in Geneva, Chicago, and Washington D.C. FMCO’s attorneys offer a diverse array of skills, knowledge, determination, compassion, curiosity, experience, and creativity. In our complex practice, we routinely provide legal representation to governments, individuals, employees, trusts, unions, and corporations. Our lawyers have impressive academic credentials, as well as decades of experience in national, multi-district, class, collective, and complex civil litigation.

Innovative Approach

FMCO offers its clients a unique and unconventional approach to litigation. We believe that tough problems are solved through innovative approaches, flexibility, collaboration and the hard work and concentrated efforts of a committed team of lawyers. We work closely with our clients to achieve successful outcomes, from record-setting recoveries to important changes in policies and practices. Our attorneys understand that achieving optimal outcomes often requires flexibility, “out-of-the-box” thinking, and innovative approaches to litigation and dispute resolution efforts.

FMCO Cases

FMCO seeks out the kinds of cases many lawyers run away from — interesting cases that offer us a chance to get creative, think deeply, challenge unclear or inconsistent precedent, shape the direction of our state and federal law, and achieve transformative justice. We are not afraid of, or opposed to, forging the path; to the contrary, we pride ourselves on being innovators and leaders. FMCO is committed to exceptional advocacy and relentlessly pursuing justice, in the most challenging scenarios. Transformative litigation is often high risk, requiring years of hard work, substantial financial expenditures, and a tireless commitment to obtaining justice for your clients. FMCO understands what it takes to achieve success and is willing to spend the resources necessary to achieve record-setting results in cases involving novel, emerging and complex legal issues.



\$20+ Billion for our Clients

Including from: judgments, verdicts, mediations, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and settlements

Practice Areas

- Complex Civil Litigation
- Class, Collective and Mass Tort
- Antitrust/Competition
- Unfair Trade Practices
- Contract Law
- Consumer Fraud
- Technology and Internet Law
- RICO
- Environmental Law
- Qui Tam (whistleblower claims)
- Intellectual Property Law
- Employment Law
- Civil Rights
- Insurance Law
- FINRA Arbitrations
- Equal Employment Opportunity (“EEOC”) charges
- Illinois Department of Human Rights (“IDHR”) charges.

Reputation for Excellence

Numerous recognitions, distinctions, and inclusion in selective and peer-reviewed organizations, such as Super Lawyers®, Leading Lawyers®



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