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Lizzy Westrope focuses her practice on franchising, licensing, and distribution matters.

- Franchise

Lizzy advises clients on federal and state franchise laws. She has experience drafting and negotiating documents such as franchise agreements, disclosure documents, supply agreements, and area development agreements. She frequently negotiates franchise-related disputes often resulting in termination agreements, release agreements, and settlement agreements.

Lizzy also has experience assisting with franchise due diligence reviews and document preparation in connection with mergers and acquisitions and securitization transactions.

In addition to her domestic practice, Lizzy regularly helps clients expand their brands to various international markets, including Canada, Europe, Latin America, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.

Admissions

- Illinois

Education

- J.D., Northwestern University
cum laude
- B.A., University of Notre Dame
cum laude

Memberships

- Pro Bono Committee - North America
- PAWS Chicago Professional Board Member

INSIGHTS

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- Employment Discrimination on the Basis of Criminal History: Why an Anti-Discrimination Statute is a Necessary Remedy, 108 J. Crim. L. & Criminology 367 (2018)
- "Inspiring Law Students to Advocate for Survivors of Violence," *DLA Piper*, October 9, 2019

NEWS

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "For Pro Bono Attorney Lizzy Westrope, Immigration Law Goes Beyond The Courtroom," *National Immigrant Justice Center*, September 23, 2019

PRO BONO

Lizzy maintains an active *pro bono* practice. Some of her recent *pro bono* work includes:

- Representing asylum seekers and children seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- Representing a young adult seeking clemency
- Researching the availability of legal resources for individuals impacted by COVID-19
- Representing a statewide class of prisoners challenging the constitutionality of their conditions of confinement
- Representing a client wrongfully accused of armed robbery in criminal proceedings

Through her *pro bono* work, Lizzy has second-chaired the defense of a medical expert in a class action prisoners' rights lawsuit, managed discovery, interviewed and counseled numerous clients, drafted pleadings and legal memoranda, won asylum for a client appearing before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and appeared on behalf of clients in administrative, civil, and criminal proceedings.