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Akeela White advises financial services companies on consumer protection laws and compliance related to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Military Lending Act, and Fair Credit Reporting Act.

She has significant knowledge of consumer protection laws in all 50 states, as well as federal regulations. With her previous government and in-house counsel experience, she also brings a regulator's perspective that is extremely valuable to clients when navigating consumer protection issues.

A former Assistant General Counsel and Executive Director with J.P. Morgan Chase, Akeela brings significant experience with federal and state consumer finance laws and regulations. Prior to joining JP Morgan, she was Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Illinois Attorney General Consumer Fraud Bureau and the Assistant Bureau Chief for the Military & Veterans Rights Bureau.

While attending law school, White served on the *UIC Law Review* (formerly *John Marshall Law Review*). She was also a law clerk at Cook County Circuit Court Domestic Relations Department, a law clerk at the Office of the State Appellate Defender, and one of eight inaugural clinical students at the Veterans Legal Clinic.

### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association

### Honors & Awards

- Academic
  - University of Illinois Chicago School of Law
    - Dean's List

### Presentations

- Co-Presenter, "Consumer – FCRA Litigation Updates, Regulatory Enforcement Trends & Compliance Recommendations," 2024 Auto Finance Seminar, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 16, 2024

### Practices

Consumer Financial Services  
Regulatory and Compliance  
Counseling  
Fair Credit Reporting Act  
Privacy, Security & Artificial  
Intelligence

### Industries

Banking & Finance

### Education

J.D., University of Illinois  
Chicago School of Law, 2008  
B.A., Illinois State University,  
2002

### Admissions

Illinois



- Co-Presenter, "The State of the States – Key State Law Cases and Trends," Mortgage Bankers Association, Legal Issues and Regulatory Compliance Conference, San Diego, California, May 7, 2024
- Co-Presenter, "Preventing FCRA Dispute Lawsuits," AccountsRecovery.net, Webinar, February 23, 2024
- Panelist, "Consumer Financial Services Common Legal Risks," Consumer Financial Services 101 2023, Practising Law Institute (PLI), CLE Webinar, October 3, 2023
- Panelist, "The Compliance Circuit," 2023 ACA International Convention & Expo, Chicago, Illinois, July 28, 2023
- "Capitan Marvel - A Primer on the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Military Lending Act," Hinshaw University CLE, Chicago, Illinois, June 8, 2023
- Co-Presenter, "Hot Topics in Compliance," NCHER Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, June 7, 2024
- Co-Presenter, "The Latest Litigation Updates Impacting Automotive Finance," 2023 Auto Finance Seminar: Driving Ahead: Auto Finance Insights from Industry Leaders, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 4, 2023
- Co-Presenter, "Medical Debt Credit Reporting - What You Need to Know," AccountsRecovery.net, Webinar, February 15, 2023
- Co-Presenter, "What Constitutes a Reasonable Investigation Under the FCRA?," AccountsRecovery.net, Webinar, December 6, 2022
- "Understanding the Unique Rights of Military Personnel in Civil Proceedings," ABA Legal Assistance for Military Personnel, Webinar, Summer 2016
- "Military and Veterans Law; SCRA," ABA Lunch and Learn Series, Summer 2016
- "Representing Veterans," IICLE Café Winter Series, Chicago, Illinois, Winter 2016
- "Veterans Benefits Overview," Peoria County Bar Association, Peoria, Illinois, Summer 2013
- "Cook County Judges Military Matters," Chicago, Illinois, Summer 2013
- Panelist, "For-Profit Schools," FTC Common Ground Conference, Chicago, Illinois, Summer 2013
- Panelist, "For-Profit Schools," National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2013

## Publications

- "Judge Grants Motion for Defendant in FCRA Case Over Reasonable Investigation," *ARM Compliance Digest*, November 14, 2022
- Author, "8 Military Consumer Protection Tips For Finance Cos.," *Law360*, September 15, 2022
- Author, "Illinois State Benefits and Laws," Chapter 4, IICLE's *Military Service and the Law 2018 Edition* (Prior Edition 2009)
- Co-Author, "TriCare and SGLI," Chapter 5, *LexisNexis Servicemember and Veterans Rights, 2012 Edition*

## Personal

Prior to law school, Akeela served eight years in the U.S. Army, and has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Joint Endeavor.

Akeela is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.