



## Keti Mebuke

Associate

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Keti Mebuke practices in the areas of construction, products liability and general liability matters. She has extensive experience defending product and equipment manufacturers, contractors, suppliers, premises owners and employers in multi-defendant litigation. In addition, she has represented individuals and corporations in the health care industry against claims of professional malpractice and medical negligence. Keti is involved in title insurance and real estate-related litigation, working with Wilson Elser's real estate attorneys to represent national title insurers and their insureds in matters involving alleged title defects, quiet title actions, claims arising from forged or fraudulently executed deeds, and boundary and access disputes.

Keti is a founder and president of the nonprofit David Mebuke Foundation, which supports the education of underrepresented and socially disadvantaged students. Keti also sits on the board of directors of the James J. Jordan Foundation, along with Michael Jordan's mother. This international foundation has a significant, current focus on constructing and operating a hospital in Kenya, Africa.

### Education

- Northern Illinois University College of Law (J.D., 2019)
  - cum laude
- University of Illinois at Chicago (B.S., 2015)
  - cum laude; #1 Singles & Doubles Tennis Team

### Bar Admissions

- Illinois

### Services

- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Toxic Tort
- Professional Liability & Services
- Transportation
- Construction

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Illinois

## **Professional Affiliations**

- David Mebuke Foundation, Founder and President
- James J. Jordan Foundation, Board of Directors

## **Languages**

- Spanish
- Russian
- Georgian

# **Client Wins**

### **Mebuke and Goldner Win Summary Judgment in Cook County Bus Collision Case**

Keti Mebuke (Associate-Chicago) and Anthony Goldner (Partner-Chicago) obtained summary judgment in the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL, on behalf of Wilson Elser's bus company client and its driver. This case arose from a collision between two buses in which the plaintiff was a passenger on our client's bus at the time of the accident. During the plaintiff's deposition, she admitted that she did not believe our driver did anything wrong to cause the accident. She later acknowledged that she did not know precisely how the collision occurred.

Relying on these admissions and the absence of other supporting evidence, Keti and Anthony moved for summary judgment, arguing that the plaintiff could not establish either a breach of duty or proximate cause attributable to our driver. In opposition, the plaintiff contended that video footage of the incident allegedly showed our client's bus "angled out" of its lane, thereby creating a question of fact regarding negligence. The court rejected the plaintiff's argument and agreed with Wilson Elser's position. Citing First District authority referenced in our motion, the court held that even if the bus appeared slightly "angled out" of its lane, that fact alone was insufficient to create a triable issue of fact. Based on the lack of evidence supporting negligence or causation, the court granted Keti and Anthony's motion for summary judgment and dismissed the claims against our clients.