



Elijah Watkins is a trial attorney at Dorsey & Whitney LLP with extensive experience handling complex business disputes in federal and state courts. He has successfully represented clients across industries such as healthcare, manufacturing, technology, and financial services, and has argued significant cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Elijah is committed to improving the administration of justice and strengthening collaboration between the courts and the bar. He has served on the Local Rules Committee since 2021, where he has contributed to initiatives such as the district's model discovery protective order. From 2015 to 2018, he participated in the Ninth Circuit's prison reform efforts, working with judges, court staff, and other stakeholders to address systemic issues.

A dedicated mentor and educator, Elijah has presented at the Idaho Bench Bar Conference and served as a faculty member at the Idaho Trial Skills Academy, where he trained attorneys on trial advocacy. His commitment to service extends to his role as a board member of the Federal Defenders of Idaho since 2019, where he helps allocate resources for essential legal services.

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