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Carolina Leung has extensive experience representing companies and private clients in complex global disputes, particularly in cross-border matters with a nexus to Latin America. She has a particular focus on asset tracing and recovery campaigns, government enforcement investigations by U.S. and foreign law enforcement authorities, as well as trust and estates disputes. Ms. Leung has deep experience in representing clients in all stages of an investigation by U.S. government and regulatory agencies, including the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of Foreign Assets Control, involving alleged money laundering and fraud violations.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Ms. Leung practiced at Jones Day, where she represented high net executives in complex multijurisdictional investigations of bribery, including those involved in Operation Car Wash. She also represented several companies in internal investigations related to money laundering, fraud and employee misconduct.

Admissions

- Foreign Legal Consultant, Brazil
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law, LLM
- Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, BL

Languages

- Portuguese

Accolades

Legal 500 Latin America International Firms, Compliance & Investigations, Leading Associate
Latinvex Rising Legal Stars 2022
Honorable Mention Award for LL.B.'s thesis, "Premerger Notification Review in Antitrust Matters"

Select Engagements

KOBRE & KIM

- Representation of the joint liquidators for a Bermuda investment company in multiple sets of proceedings regarding preservation and ownership of assets worth US \$3.2 billion, including DOJ tax enforcement/forfeiture issues arising from an alleged multi-billion tax fraud scheme.
- Representation of a major energy producer in Brazil under judicial reorganization in developing U.S. litigation strategies to defend against a hostile takeover attempt.
- Representation of an ultra-high-net worth businessman in coordinating global counter-offensive litigation and reputation management strategies across the UK, Israel, the U.S., Switzerland, and Brazil to combat substantial commercial litigation attacks and government investigations worth over US \$1.5 billion in claims.
- Representing the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Sunnova Energy International Inc. (“Sunnova”) in connection with the Chapter 11 proceedings for Sunnova and several related affiliates. The firm played a leading role in investigating claims arising from a pre-bankruptcy loan facility provided by a leading global investment firm, the release of which was a key issue in the Chapter 11 proceedings.
- Representation of a high-net-worth individual who controlled a significant digital currency mining operation in defending against an indictment issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey alleging conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to sell unregistered securities.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Public Service Stars’ Recognition from Northwestern University School of Law (2016)

Publications & Presentations

- Panelist, “Navigating Global Legal and Reputational Risks: How to Structure, Protect, and Preserve Wealth” (Kobre & Kim and Cone Marshall, August 2025)
- Panelist, “Nearing Completion: Outlook and Offshore Creditor Options Ahead of InterCement Asset Sale and Impending Bond Maturity” (Kobre & Kim and Reorg, March 2024)
- Panelist, “Restructuring of Brazilian Companies Abroad” (Turnaround Management Association Brazil, October 2023)
- Panelist, “Best Practice in Investigations – Getting it Right, from the Start” (Asset Recovery Americas, September 2023)
- Co-author, ““Enforcement of Foreign Judgments 2022” (*Lexology*, August 2022 issue)
- Panelist, “Crypto in Brazil: Navigating the Legal Pitfalls” (Kobre & Kim and Bottini & Tamasauskas, August 2022)
- Co-author, “Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Brazil” (*Lexology*, June 2020 issue)

KOBRE & KIM

- Co-author, “Exploring the Shift in the DOJ’s Prosecutorial Reach of Foreign Defendants” (The Anti-Corruption Report, April 2022)
- Panelist, “How to Secure Chinese Investments in Brazil” (Warde Advogados, September 2021)
- Panelist, “Brazil-U.S. Dialogues and Debates: Advances and Anti-Corruption Challenges” (Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão Advogados, January 2021)
- Organizer, “Insights and Trends in Investigations: A Panel Discussion Among Leading Female Lawyers” (Jones Day, São Paulo, August 2019)
- Author, “Tax Regularizations in Latin America: What’s a Financial Institution to Do?” (Jones Day, February 2017)
- Author, “The Role of Regulatory Agencies, the Secretariat of Economic Analysis and the Administrative Council of Economic Defense” (*BM&A*, March 2012)