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Gabriela Ruiz is an experienced litigator who represents individual and corporate clients in disputes, investigations, and government enforcement actions arising from allegations of fraud and bribery, with a focus on Latin America. She is particularly focused on the defense of civil and criminal actions that are politically motivated or pursued through corrupt means. Ms. Ruiz also handles intellectual property disputes, cross-border discovery, and insolvency-related proceedings.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Ms. Ruiz practiced at Holland & Knight in Miami, where she represented clients in cross-border arbitrations and other commercial disputes. Prior to that, she practiced at Farella, Braun + Martel, where she handled white-collar criminal matters and corporate investigations, intellectual property disputes, and other complex business litigation.

Admissions

- Florida
- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- Executive Office for Immigration Review

Education

- Yale Law School, JD
- Stanford University, BA, honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Languages

- Spanish

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Select Engagements

- Under the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act of 2016 ("PROMESA"), service as independent investigator to the Special Investigation Committee of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico to perform a comprehensive review of the factors contributing to Puerto Rico's fiscal crisis.
- Representation of a high-level executive at public university facing federal investigation into fraudulent representations relating to its medical program.
- Representation of senior executives facing federal investigation for backdating stock options.
- Representation of a senior executive in corporate investigation relating to improper kickbacks.
- Representation of a senior executive in corporate investigation relating to public accounting violations.
- Representation of a high-level executive charged with making false statements to government authorities.
- Representation of Spanish R&D company Fractus S.A. in several patent infringement actions against the major U.S. cellular carriers (Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint) and two antenna manufacturers. After a successful trial representation in the Eastern District of Texas, Kobre & Kim obtained a favorable out-of-court settlement for the client resulting in the transfer of its base station antenna technology patent portfolio.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Dade County Defense Bar Association, Treasurer
- Southern Legal Counsel, Board Member