



## Geoffrey Derrick

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Geoffrey J. Derrick is a former federal public defender who uses his investigatory experience to design and execute strategies in cross-border disputes involving monetization and demonetization of claims, judgments and arbitral awards. He has extensive experience working on international arbitration and judgment-enforcement matters involving fraud and misconduct. Most recently, he coordinated global enforcement campaigns for US\$ nine figures of judgment debt in various jurisdictions worldwide, including India, Greater China and U.S. state and federal courts.

Mr. Derrick regularly litigates claims both against and on behalf of governments or state-owned enterprises in Washington, D.C. federal courts, where he served as a law clerk. He is also experienced at developing reputation management strategies for debtors and creditors aimed at mitigating business and reputational risks associated with international claims, judgments and arbitral awards.

Mr. Derrick also maintains an active pro bono practice combatting wrongful convictions. As a public defender, he helped exonerate three clients who spent a collective 59 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. More recently, he helped secure approximately US \$1 million for a Maryland exoneree in the first award of such compensation in decades.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Derrick practiced at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington DC, where he litigated complex employment and consumer class actions. Before that, he clerked for the Honorable Paul L. Friedman of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the Honorable Catharine F. Easterly of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Mr. Derrick also has significant courtroom experience as a former state and federal public defender.

### Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

### Education

- Boston University, JD, *magna cum laude*
- Northwestern University, BS

### Clerkships

# KOBRE & KIM

- Honorable Paul L. Friedman, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2015 – 2017)
  - Honorable Catharine F. Easterly, District of Columbia Court of Appeals (2014 – 2015)
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## Accolades

Legal 500 Washington DC Elite, International Litigation

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## Professional & Community Involvement

- Co-Chair, Rule 23 Subcommittee, Class Action & Derivative Suits Committee of the ABA Litigation Section
- Co-Chair, Young Professionals Leaders Board, National Association for Urban Debate Leagues

## Publications & Presentations

- In Conversation With "Global Notes and Direct Action by Beneficial Holders - Where do Things Stand?" (INSOL World, July 2024)
- Co-author, "Minimizing Legal Risks for Retailers That Use Biometric Data" (Retail Touchpoints, June 2019)
- Speaker, "Labor & Employment Developments" (Class Action Money & Ethics Conference, New York, May 2019)
- Author, "The Forthcoming Wave of Biometrics Class Actions" (ABA Consumer Litigation Committee Newsletter, March 2019)
- Co-author, "Making the Most of Pro Bono Opportunities: Building a Litigation Practice" (ABA Litigation Journal, Vol. 45, No. 2, Winter 2019)
- Co-author, "The Ninth Circuit's Inadvertent Case for Imposing Daubert at Class Certification" (Bloomberg BNA, August 2018)
- Co-author, "People Analytics: The Use of Big Data to Source, Recruit, and Hire" (ABA Conference on EEO Law, March 2018)
- Author, "Qualified Immunity and the First Amendment Right to Record Police" (22 B.U. Pub. Int. L.J. 243 (2013))

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"He's sensitive to complex client dynamics and complex legal issues. He works very hard."

- *The Legal 500 US*