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Kelly Spatola represents clients facing high-value commercial disputes, concentrating on the financial services industry. She also counsels institutional and private clients in contentious white-collar criminal and regulatory defense matters.

Prior to joining Kobre & Kim, Ms. Spatola clerked for the Honorable Joanna Seybert of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and practiced at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP.

Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- Executive Office for Immigration Review

Education

- St. John's University School of Law, JD
- Boston College, BA

Clerkships

- Honorable Joanna Seybert, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Accolades

Human Rights First Pro Bono Star (2018)

Select Engagements

- Representation of an Asian conglomerate regarding potential charges under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) relating to the provision of electricity services to a state-owned electric company.

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- Representation of hedge fund analyst charged in the Southern District of New York with insider trading offenses related to the merger of two technology companies.
- Representation of DRW Investments LLC in a highly publicized case brought by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) over alleged market manipulation of interest rate swap futures. After a bench trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Court returned a verdict in favor of the defense and against the CFTC on all causes of action.
- Representation of several executives in an investigation into a precious metals commodity retailer being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, as well as in parallel proceedings before CFTC.
- Representation of the CEO of a Japan-based energy corporation in responding to an ongoing investigation being conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) into potential violations of the FCPA arising from a project to construct a coal-fired power plant in Indonesia.
- Representation of the former assistant controller of a U.S.-based timber company in connection with internal investigation of accounting practices.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Federal Bar Council, Member