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Lara Levinson is an experienced and dual-qualified U.S. lawyer and English solicitor who focuses her practice on complex civil and appellate litigation, regulatory and internal investigations, and asset forfeiture and recovery matters. In particular, Ms. Levinson regularly represents clients in financial products and services litigation in both English and U.S. courts. Ms. Levinson has briefed several civil appellate matters before the U.S. Courts of Appeals, including for the Second, Fourth and District of Columbia Circuits.

Prior to joining Kobre & Kim, Ms. Levinson was an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch in Washington DC, where she received the Civil Division Special Commendation Award. While serving there, Ms. Levinson briefed and argued over 30 federal appellate cases, including *en banc* matters in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit involving government contract disputes, money claims against the government and federal employment disputes. She also served in the Office of the Counsel to the President at the White House and as associate general counsel at the National Gallery of Art.

After law school, Ms. Levinson served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Anita B. Brody of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and worked on appeals for a sitting by designation on the United State Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts
- New York
- Solicitor, England & Wales
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, JD (*The George Washington Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief)
- University of Michigan, BA

Clerkships

- Honorable Anita B. Brody, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Accolades

Who’s Who Legal, Asset Recovery

Select Engagements

- Representation of Chevron in the successful enforcement of an investment treaty arbitration award against the Republic of Ecuador for US $100 million+ (with interest). Kobre & Kim’s efforts in executing an enforcement strategy, including asset tracing, efforts to identify seizure targets and the service of numerous discovery requests, culminated in Ecuador’s paying Chevron the entirety of the original award plus interest.
- Representation of an audit committee of the board of directors at an international consulting firm in connection with internal investigation into revenue recognition practices under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
- Representation of a former employee of a pharmaceutical company in connection with a government investigation into allegations of kickbacks.
- Representation of an institutional client in connection with a dispute of breaches of representations and warranties in pooling and servicing agreements (PSA) and mortgage loan purchase agreements (MLPA) in a securitization worth US $1 billion+.
- Victory in the representation of Tiger Eye Investments, Ltd., an investment company located in the Cayman Islands against the U.S. government in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit involving US $400 million of trust assets.
- Representation of a publicly traded biotechnology company in a US $14.5 million suit against Oppenheimer & Co. for alleged violations of securities and broker-dealer laws.
- Representation of witnesses in a government investigation into union corruption.
- Representation of the audit committee of a European company in conducting an internal investigation into operations in Eastern Europe, in connection with alleged Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), accounting and antitrust violations.

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Women Lawyers in London, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- Extradition Lawyers' Association, Member
- Female Fraud Forum, Member
- Women's White Collar Defense Association, Member

Publications & Presentations

- Panelist, "AML's Potential Intersection with Cryptocurrency and NFTs: Digital Asset Tracing and Recovery" (AML/CTF Annual Summit Philippines, November 2021)
- Co-author, "How NFTs could trigger lawsuits and anti-money laundering regulation" (*Forkast News*, May 2021)
- Co-author, "Congressional investigations and oversight of covid-19 relief likely to stretch beyond US borders" (*Global Investigations Review*, June 2020)