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Michael A. Sanfilippo represents clients in complex international disputes, focusing on cross-border asset recovery, the enforcement of judgments and arbitration awards, and advising companies and individuals on monetizing legal claims and recoveries. His experience also includes disputes arising in the private credit market, particularly matters involving creditor guarantees and enforcement rights, as well as internal investigations and regulatory and criminal enforcement matters. He has further experience in enforcement efforts stemming from investor-state disputes, including cases implicating state immunity.

Prior to joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Sanfilippo practiced at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP.

### Admissions

- New York
  - U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York
  - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
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### Education

- Columbia University School of Law, JD
  - Wesleyan University, BA
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### Select Engagements

- Represented a precious-metals derivatives trader at a major bank who has been indicted by the U.S. DOJ, and is also the subject of parallel investigations and proceedings by the U.S. CFTC into alleged spoofing.
- Represented Flutter Entertainment, a multinational gaming company that owns PokerStars, FanDuel and Paddy Power, defending a US \$1.2 billion judgment from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- Served as the Independent Examiner for the U.S. Department of Justice in an investigation of a large international financial institution with operations in Israel, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The matter reached a successful negotiated resolution.
- Represented ConocoPhillips in the enforcement of International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes and International Chamber of Commerce arbitration claims against the Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. and the Republic of Venezuela.

# KOBRE & KIM

- Represented Chevron Corp. in enforcing an investment treaty arbitration award against a sovereign nation for US \$100 million+.
- Represented the trustee in bankruptcy of the Petters Company Inc., arising from a Ponzi scheme involving US \$5 billion+ in investments, as special counsel for international asset recovery.
- Represented NTT DoCoMo Inc., Japan's predominant mobile telephone provider, in enforcing a US \$1.2 billion London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) arbitration award against Tata Sons Ltd., the holding company for India's top business conglomerate Tata Group.
- Represented San Francisco-based consulting firm in a dispute with a US energy company based on a contract to develop business in Saudi Arabia.
- Represented international telecommunications company in connection with a U.S. and Korean government antitrust investigation.
- Represented institutional client in residential mortgage-backed securities litigations.
- Represented publicly traded retail chain and its board of directors in a securities litigation and takeover defense in which all claims, including claims of breach of fiduciary duty and violation of federal securities laws, were dismissed.

## **Publications & Presentations**

- Co-author, "Changing Rules for Foreign Arbitral Awards" (*Today's General Counsel*, December 2016)