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EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, J.D. (2010); editor and competitor, Fordham Moot Court Board; staff member, *Fordham Urban Law Journal*
Cornell University, B.S. (2007)

ADMISSIONS

New York
U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

Rachel has substantial experience in commercial litigation, government and internal investigations, and regulatory compliance matters, from high-stakes international disputes to independent monitorships. Across these areas, she successfully manages large, complex matters through proactive communication and the straightforward presentation of intricate information, helping her clients achieve their desired outcomes.

Both individuals and corporations turn to Rachel for representation in litigation matters in the areas of real estate, tort, employment, and contract law, among others. She has prepared for and participated in dozens of depositions and court proceedings and has advised clients through productive, dispute-resolving mediation. Rachel's experience also includes working with expert and factual witnesses, handling e-discovery and data privacy issues, and briefing complex case-dispositive motions that resulted in successful outcomes for her clients. Notably, she was instrumental in the pursuit of improved living conditions and economic opportunities for NYCHA residents through an Article 78 lawsuit brought against the agency. Rachel also played a key role on a litigation team that won a seven-week civil RICO trial and obtained an injunction barring the enforcement of a fraudulently procured judgment against the client.

Rachel's practice also includes regulatory compliance work, focusing particularly on anti-money laundering and sanctions-related issues. She was a member of the firm's monitorship team engaged to oversee a financial institution's financial crimes compliance program, advising on corporate governance and management oversight matters. In this role, Rachel was the main point of contact for both the federal and state agencies involved as well as the financial institution under monitorship.

In the investigations arena, Rachel has represented clients before the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office. She has prepared individuals for informal interviews and formal testimony before federal agencies and been integral to investigations into alleged antitrust violations, obstruction of justice, and public corruption.



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Rachel's robust pro bono efforts have focused on representing individual clients in family court and immigration matters. Specifically, Rachel has represented minors in guardianship and custody proceedings as well as in related immigration matters, where she acted as first-chair lawyer in both status conferences and merits hearings. She has also drafted and submitted petitions, motion papers, and government applications on behalf of her clients.

Prior to joining WMH, Rachel practiced law for over six years in the award-winning litigation department of a large global law firm.

Rachel is the author of "Border Insecurity: Searches and Seizures of Electronic Devices Entering the U.S.," *Bloomberg BNA Criminal Law Reporter* (March 26, 2014); "Employing U.S. subpoena power in support of foreign litigation: *Chevron Corp. v. Donziger* and 28 U.S.C. § 1782," *Inside Counsel* (July 14, 2014); and "The United States' Adoption of the Well-Known Foreign Mark Exception," 36 *Fordham Urb. L.J.* 889 (2009).

Recognitions

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, *Best Lawyers* (2021)

Americas Rising Star Award for Best in White Collar Crime, *Euromoney Legal Media Group* (2018)

Activities

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- New York City Bar Association