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FOCUS AREAS

Board and Internal
Investigations
Government Investigations
Litigation
White Collar Crime

HIGHLIGHTS

■ Proven Track Record in High-Stakes Trials

Kate has deep trial experience, having tried numerous trials to verdict across the country as both a federal prosecutor and a defense attorney. While at the DOJ, Kate led prosecutions in high-stakes cases against C-suite executives in complex white-collar trials, securing convictions against executives in the biopharma and technology industries. Beyond her government service, Kate has over a decade of litigation experience at Wilson Sonsini, representing senior executives and companies in multi-defendant federal criminal jury trials, bench trials, and complex civil litigation.

■ Deep Experience in Bet-the-Company Corporate Matters

Having spearheaded corporate investigations and settlements in some of the DOJ's most high-profile and complex corporate matters, Kate is uniquely positioned to guide companies facing government investigations and enforcement actions.

■ Experience and Insight Across Industries

Kate's practice spans various industries, including technology, pharma, government contracting, banking, and cryptocurrency. She also has experience litigating export control and economic sanctions, trade-fraud, and FCPA matters.

EXPERIENCE

Kate McCarthy is senior counsel in Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Washington, D.C., and New York offices, where she leverages her distinctive prosecutorial and defense experience to represent corporations and individuals in complex litigation, government and internal investigations, and criminal defense matters involving federal enforcement actions.

Kate served for four years as a trial attorney in the Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), where she led investigations and prosecutions involving securities fraud, wire fraud, money laundering, accounting fraud, bank fraud, cryptocurrency fraud, and procurement fraud. During her tenure at the DOJ, Kate litigated numerous cases across complex industries, including cases in the technology and pharmaceutical sectors. She was a lead member of multiple trial teams in complex federal trials, including cases involving CEOs of public companies and fraud schemes involving hundreds of millions of dollars. Kate spearheaded corporate investigations for some of the DOJ's most high-profile and complex corporate matters, resulting in settlements involving billions of dollars. She developed particular expertise in litigating securities matters and has been recognized for her keen judgment and insights in high-stakes litigation.

Prior to her government service, Kate was a litigation associate at Wilson Sonsini for approximately 10 years, where she gained extensive experience in both trials and investigations. Her work included successfully defending clients in multi-defendant federal criminal jury trials, bench trials, and

complex civil litigation. She represented individuals and companies in federal investigations both pre- and post-indictment. Kate also counseled clients in investigations by federal agencies, including various U.S. Attorney's Offices, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Federal Reserve, as well as the U.S. Departments of State, Treasury, and Commerce.

Kate leverages her extensive prosecutorial and defense experience to counsel corporations and individuals on their most critical legal challenges. Her detailed understanding of government enforcement priorities, investigative techniques, and federal agencies enables her to provide sophisticated guidance to clients navigating complex regulatory environments and defending against federal investigations.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Notre Dame Law School
- B.A., College of William & Mary

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia
- State Bar of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit