

Professional Liability

We represent accounting firms in high stakes regulatory matters and litigation. Our attorneys understand the applicable professional standards, monitor legal developments on a weekly basis, and know how to defend professionals at trial. In the last decade, King & Spalding has handled more than 400 matters involving large accounting firms, including audit, consulting, and tax matters.

In recent years, King & Spalding has been lead counsel in four auditing malpractice cases that have gone to jury trials, three of which had potential exposure greater than \$1 billion. Two of those cases resulted in complete defense verdicts and two settled during trial. Although we stand ready to take any matter to trial, we also work with our clients to seek the most favorable resolution, taking into account all of the client's concerns, including reputational and institutional interests.

We also regularly represent accounting firms and their professionals in regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings. Partners in our group have handled more than 100 investigations and enforcement proceedings in the last ten years, successfully dealing with, among others, the PCAOB, SEC, DOJ, OCC, FDIC, CFTC, FTC, HUD, HHS, IRS, Senate and House committees, the New York Attorney General's Office, the Florida Department of Financial Services, and various state agencies and accountancy boards. Our team includes former senior SEC and DOJ attorneys and a former PCAOB associate director.

Our team has significant experience representing the non-U.S. members of the global network firms. Our clients have included firms and individuals in more than a dozen countries, including Argentina, Australia, the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom.

We leverage the experience of our partners in our

Capability Lawyers



Richard T. Marooney
New York



Michael R. Pauze
Washington, D.C.

Recognition

Two professional liability lawyers recognized as leading practitioners

CHAMBERS USA, 2025

Top ranked in Accountant and Auditor Liability

CHAMBERS USA, 2025

Ranked as Leading Practitioners for General Commercial Disputes

LEGAL 500, 2022

Singled out Among the Best Law Firms in Complex Commercial Litigation

BTI LITIGATION OUTLOOK, 2022

Ranked in Tier 1 for General Commercial Litigation

BENCHMARK LITIGATION,

Appellate, Securities Litigation, Special Matters/Government Investigations, and Financial Restructuring practices to address the full range of issues facing our clients. When appropriate, we involve our firm's industry experts in matters challenging an accounting firm's work relating to that industry. Through our weekly Auditor Liability Bulletin, we update our clients on legal and regulatory developments.

Cases & Deals

May 22, 2015

King & Spalding Achieves Appellate Victory in Pro Bono International Child Custody Case

May 20, 2015

King & Spalding Obtains Complete Defense Verdict for Deloitte Following Six-Week Jury Trial

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Insights

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November 1, 2025

Seeking Clarity Through the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act

CLIENT ALERT

October 29, 2025

MHRSD and MoJ Recognize Wage Clause in Employment Contracts as Enforceable to Speed Up Labor Dispute Resolution

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

April 26, 2025

Sarah Primrose to Speak at American Bankruptcy Institute Spring Meeting

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

July 25, 2024

Sarah Primrose to Speak at American Bankruptcy Institute's 2024 Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop

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News

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September 15, 2025

Matt McGill and Alexander Kazam counsel Thomas Fortune Fay and The Fay Law Group before a New York federal court on its petition to annul a \$6.59M arbitral award

IN THE NEWS

May 9, 2025

Former federal prosecutor and U.S. House candidate Will Rollins joins the firm's Business Litigation practice group in Los Angeles

PRESS RELEASE

May 8, 2025

Former Federal Prosecutor and U.S. House Candidate Will Rollins Joins King & Spalding in Los Angeles

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