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Nicole Pereira is a counsel in the Special Matters & Government Investigations Practice Group in the New York office of King & Spalding. She focuses primarily on government and regulatory enforcement actions, internal investigations, and related civil and criminal litigation.

Ms. Pereira has represented institutions and individuals in investigations and litigation brought by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the New York Attorney General's Office, the Federal Reserve Board, and other federal, state, and international agencies. Her work has included confidential internal investigations into allegations of accounting fraud, insider trading, foreign corrupt practices, financial crimes, and related civil matters. She also counsels clients on corporate compliance programs, regulatory disclosures, and privilege and confidentiality issues.

Ms. Pereira serves on the firm's New York Associates Committee and is a regular contributor to the firm's Data, Privacy & Security Practice Report, a weekly publication devoted to legal issues relating to privacy and cybersecurity. Her pro bono practice focuses on representing low-income women and victims of domestic violence in family law and immigration matters, in partnership with Her Justice.

Prior to joining King & Spalding, Ms. Pereira practiced in the New York office of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP. She received her law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Notre Dame Law School, where she served as Executive Issue Editor of the Notre Dame Law Review and Chairperson of the Notre Dame Law School Honor Council. Ms. Pereira earned her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Villanova University, where she was awarded the University's Presidential Scholarship and the Medallion Award for Excellence in Economics.

Matters

Represented **major U.S. law firm** in connection with SEC investigation concerning the firm's former private equity client

Investigated accounting issues at **Fortune 50 corporation** on behalf of company's Audit Committee

Represented **major international bank** and several individuals in investigation by SEC and

multiple international regulators regarding credit derivatives trading, risk management, and valuation practices

Represented **Wells Fargo Bank** in SDNY civil action alleging False Claims Act and FIRREA violations in connection with Wells Fargo's participation in FHA lending program

Defended **head of global investment group** in SEC investigation regarding the institution's wealth management platform and alleged conflicts of interest

Represented non-target witness in criminal trial for securities fraud and investment adviser fraud

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Notre Dame, magna cum laude

B.A., Economics, Villanova University, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
New York

CLERKSHIPS

Intern, Hon. Charles J. Siragusa, U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Insights

ARTICLE

March 4, 2021 • Source: New York Law Journal

Spotlight on DFS Trial Forum For First Cyber-Regs Case

February 1, 2019 • Source: Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal

To Tweet or Not to Tweet? Lessons in Careful Use of Social Media

CLIENT ALERT

September 3, 2020

U.S. District Court Dismisses Commodity Exchange Act Claims as Impermissibly Foreign

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PRESS RELEASE

December 3, 2020

King & Spalding Elects 16 New Partners and Promotes Five Counsel Across Nine Cities