



Helen B. Kim

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OVERVIEW

Helen B. Kim, a partner in the Los Angeles office, concentrates her practice in securities and other complex litigation. She is a member of the Securities and Transactional Litigation practice group.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Helen was a partner at an AmLaw 200 firm, where she served as vice co-chair of the business litigation practice group for six years. Focusing her practice on securities and other complex litigation, Helen is a first-chair trial lawyer representing public and private companies, as well as their directors, officers, and principal shareholders before the courts and in arbitration proceedings. She has successfully defended clients in multiple shareholder derivative suits, nationwide securities and commodities class actions, and related opt-out litigation, and guided companies and their officers through regulatory investigations.

Helen has been recognized as one of the most influential women lawyers (2017 - 2018) and most influential minority lawyers (2018) in Los Angeles by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Los Angeles Business Journal - Most Influential Minority Attorneys in LA, 2018
- Los Angeles Business Journal - Most Influential Women Lawyers in LA, 2017 - 2018
- Listed in Southern California Super Lawyers, 2007, 2009 - 2020 (by Thomson Reuters)
- 25 Most Influential Women in Securities Law, Law360, 2016
- League of Women Voters of Los Angeles - Civic Leadership Award, 2014
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association - Women's Leadership Award, 2012
- Los Angeles County Bar Association - Patricia Phillips Outstanding Committee Service Award, 2010
- Selected as one of the Top 100 California Women Attorneys by the Daily Journal, 2008 - 2010

- Korean American Association of Greater New York - Person of the Year Award, 2001

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association Managing Director Designate of the Section of Litigation, 2020 - Present; Division Director of the Section of Litigation, 2018 - 2020; Chair, Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, 2018 - 2020; Former Chair, ABA Securities Litigation Committee, 2014 - 2018
- Korean American Coalition, Former Chair, 2014 - 2018
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Women Lawyers of Los Angeles Joint Task Force on the Retention and Promotion of Women in the Profession
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Past President, 2008 - 2009
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, President, 2007 - 2008

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "How to Survive On-Campus Interviews" The Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers' Alliance, 5 January 2021

EDUCATION

- J.D., Yale Law School, 1987
- Master of Music, The Juilliard School, 1984
- B.A., Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges, 1982

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Bar of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York

- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “2015 Roundtable Series: Securities” California Lawyer, January 2015
- “Meet the Women Rainmakers: Helen Kim” Law Practice Today: *The Monthly Webzine of the ABA Law Practice Division*, February 2013

NEWS & EVENTS

- 6 January 2021, K&L Gates Further Boosts California Capabilities with Addition of Los Angeles Securities Litigation Partner (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Securities and Transactional Litigation
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Securities Enforcement / Financial Regulatory Enforcement

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- *DeAngelis v. Corzine*, SDNY. Successful defense of officer and General Counsel of MF Global in multiple securities class actions and regulatory investigations arising from the loss of \$2.2 billion of customer funds.
- *Krys v. Sugrue (in re Refco Securities Litig.)*, SDNY. Successful defense of associate general counsel of Refco, formerly the largest commodities broker in the United States, in multiple securities class actions and regulatory investigations arising from the failure to disclose \$400 million in loans in regulatory filings.