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Vicki advises clients in securities litigation matters, shareholder disputes and derivative litigation, and other complex commercial litigation cases. She has represented clients in cases involving securities fraud, directors and officers liability and fiduciary duties, shareholder litigation, breach of contract, unfair competition and trade secret theft. Vicki also defends securities class action litigation and has significant appellate experience. In addition to her litigation work, Vicki provides counsel to clients in Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) enforcement actions. She also advises securities industry clients on compliance with various FINRA and other regulatory requirements.



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Rachel represents firm clients in complex litigation, arbitrations, mediations and bid protests against private and governmental adversaries. Her focus areas include shareholder disputes, government contract and procurement matters, healthcare litigation, breach of contract claims, business torts, and challenges to adverse agency decisions.



Andrea Deleon Cruz

Andrea focuses her practice on financial services and complex commercial litigation. She represents lenders and businesses in secured lending, creditors' rights, and commercial disputes in state and federal courts. She also regularly defends firm clients in securities litigation, public finance disputes, healthcare litigation, and a variety of commercial matters in federal and state courts, and in arbitration proceedings.



Collin Elliott

Collin's practice focuses on corporate and commercial real estate transactions. He represents purchasers and sellers in merger and acquisition transactions across multiple industries, drafts documents for all stages of the company lifecycle, and assists businesses in contract negotiations. Additionally, Collin's decade of prior career experience in the banking industry has provided him with an understanding of various deal financing structures, coordination with state and federal regulatory agencies, and analysis of compliance and risk management programs.

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Edward Fox, II

Ed's (he/him/his) government, regulatory and white collar practice includes experience in matters alleging criminal and civil fraud, wire and mail fraud, healthcare fraud, violations of state and federal antitrust laws, violations of securities laws and securities fraud, and the False Claims Act. His experience includes representing clients in criminal, civil and regulatory matters brought by various government agencies, including the Department of Justice, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the United States Postal Service (USPS) and various state regulatory and administrative entities, including the Nebraska attorney general.



Bryan Handlos

Bryan concentrates his practice on bank regulatory and consumer financial matters. He represents banks, nonbank financial services providers, and commercial customers acquiring financial services products. His experience includes consumer compliance (particularly credit card issuer representation), retail banking, operations, treasury services and core bank regulatory topics.



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Reiley advocates for firm clients in financial institutions litigation, securities litigation, public finance disputes, healthcare litigation, government contracts and bid protests, and a variety of commercial matters. Reiley has rapidly established herself as a valued member of Kutak Rock's national litigation practice, contributing across multiple practice groups and building substantive experience in several of the firm's key litigation areas.



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