

## Kathryn (Katie) Hellings

Partner

Washington, D.C.

### Biography

After spending more than a decade handling international criminal investigations as a Department of Justice (DOJ) prosecutor, Katie Hellings has developed a practice representing corporations and individuals in white collar criminal investigations, with a primary focus on international cartel and corruption investigations.

Katie understands the global risks clients face in these investigations, and she uses her vast experience to help clients successfully navigate investigations and reach satisfactory resolutions. In addition to her investigations work, she assists clients in spotting, addressing and, preventing potential problems and risks.

While at the DOJ, Katie investigated and prosecuted regional, domestic, and international cartel cases, including two of the Antitrust Division's largest international cartel investigations in history: air transportation and auto parts. She also investigated and prosecuted foreign corrupt practices act (FCPA) violations, wire fraud, mail fraud, bribery, kickbacks, and obstruction. She served as lead prosecutor in the largest criminal investigation in Antitrust Division history, an investigation of price fixing, bid rigging, and market allocation in the automobile parts industry, which, prior to her departure from the Antitrust Division, resulted in charges against 23 corporations and nearly US\$2 billion in criminal fines. In the air transportation investigation, Katie was a member of the



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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Technology Litigation

Africa Regional Practice

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Consumer

Manufacturing and Industrials

Education

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Insurance

team that prosecuted more than 20 airlines for price fixing, resulting in a then-record setting US\$1.8 billion in criminal fines, as well as criminal charges against more than 20 individuals.

Katie has experience working with clients from many different industry sectors, including life sciences, financial institutions, transportation, and technology.

Named a *Legal 500* "Leading Lawyer" for cartels, Katie is a regularly featured speaker and writer on issues in cartel law and, more generally, white collar crime.

## Representative experience

Lead prosecutor in investigation of price fixing, bid rigging, and market allocations in the automotive parts industry.

Lead prosecutor in criminal investigation of fraud in the defense industry, including the division's first case under the Anti-Kickback Act, 41 U.S.C.

Member of prosecution team investigating international price fixing cartel in the airline industry.

Represented corporations in investigations by the Department of Justice, SEC, and World Bank.

Counsel to one of the world's largest electric utility companies in an FCPA and anti-corruption investigation in Brazil and the United States.

Counsel to a French electrical utility equipment manufacturer in an investigation of corruption allegations by the World Bank.

Acting for life sciences companies in compliance reviews and investigations.

## Awards and rankings

- Antitrust: Cartel, Hall of Fame, *Legal 500 US*, 2020
- Antitrust: Cartel, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2020
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2020
- Antitrust: Cartel, Leading Lawyer, *Legal 500 US*,

Life Sciences and Health Care

Real Estate

Technology and Telecoms

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## Areas of focus

Agency Investigations

Competition Compliance

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Dawn Raids

Cartel Investigations

Leniency Applications

Anti-money Laundering

Bribery and Corruption

Congressional Oversight and Investigations

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, cum laude, 2001

B.A., LeMoyne College, magna cum laude, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society, Eugene M. Fitzmartin Award, 1998

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## Memberships

Co-Chair, ABA Antitrust Section's Symposium on Sentencing Reform, 2015-2016

2015-2019

- Dispute Resolution: International Litigation, *Legal 500 US*, 2017
- 40 Under 40, *Global Competition Review*, 2015
- Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2014
- Arthur S. Flemming Award, 2013
- Assistant Attorney General Award of Distinction, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2013
- Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence, 2009
- Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2009
- Assistant Attorney General Award of Distinction, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2008
- Competition: Future Leaders, *Who's Who Legal*, 2018

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Events
  - From "no poach" to merger control: An update on the continuing evolution of antitrust enforcement in labor markets
- News
  - Head of DOJ Criminal Antitrust Unit Says that Criminal Monopolization Cases May be on the Horizon
- News
  - Department of Justice suggests that employee non-competes could be criminally prosecuted
- News
  - DOJ Antitrust Division and FBI to investigate collusion stemming from supply chain disruptions
- News
  - From "no-poach" to non-competes: US antitrust enforcement in labor markets continues to evolve
- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells Antitrust and Competition Lawyers Recognized as 2022 Thought Leaders and Future

Member, ABA Antitrust Section, Cartel and Criminal Practice Committee, US Sentencing Guidelines Working Group, 2015

Member, ABA Antitrust Section, Compliance & Ethics Committee Advisory Board, 2015

Member, Antitrust Section, American Bar Association

Member, Criminal Justice Section, American Bar Association

Vice-Chair, ABA Antitrust Section, Membership and Diversity Committee, 2015-2016

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

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