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Practice Areas

Litigation and Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Securities Litigation, Professional Liability, Regulatory Enforcement, Employment Law - U.S., White Collar Defense and Regulation, U.S. Employment Investigations

Education

Columbia Law School (J.D., 1995), Indiana University (M.M., 1989); McGill University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1983)

Bar Admissions

New York State; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

Ellen Paltiel is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and served as an Intern to the Honorable David G. Trager of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Her practice includes commercial and securities litigation, white collar defense, and regulatory enforcement matters. She has worked extensively on civil rights and employment compliance issues through a court-appointed monitorship. Ellen formerly practiced with Debevoise & Plimpton and also served as an adjunct associate professor at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism where she taught libel law. She co-authored the book "*Reporter's Privilege*," as well as numerous articles on various First Amendment issues. Ellen has been named one of New York's *Super Lawyers* each year since 2020. She speaks French.

Representative Securities and Regulatory Enforcement Matters

Representation of chief financial officer of largest division of Fortune 20 pharmaceuticals company in Department of Justice and SEC investigations and class actions securities litigation relating to accounting fraud allegations.

Advising a Special Litigation Committee of the Board of Directors of a Fortune 500 software manufacturer on derivative claims brought in the name of the client corporation.

Negotiated advantageous consent agreement for large financial institution in an SEC proceeding regarding supervision and oversight of trading activities.

Represented a major national political party committee in an internal investigation of allegedly fraudulent campaign contributions.

Defended a corporation against 10b-5 "fraud on the market" claims brought by a private party.

Representative First Amendment Matters

Regularly provides defamation counseling to plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of matters, including film, print, and broadcast media.

Regularly advises clients on post-publication strategies to address inaccurate or misleading publications.

Represented public figure defamed in another public figure's fictionalized memoir.

Represented member of a major national political party committee against libelous allegations of fraudulent campaign fund management.

Represented religious institution in dispute involving the free exercise of religion.

In depth research on First Amendment issues relating to a major broadcast station's refusal to air controversial facts about a tobacco company.

Activities and Affiliations

Member, New York City Bar Association