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Education

- Albany Law School, *Government Law Review*, JD, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Hamilton College, BA, *Cum Laude*

Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials
- White Collar & Government Investigations
- Higher Education

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court for the Northern District of New York
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- US District Court for the Western District of New York
- US District Court for the District of Colorado

Biography

Kyra represents companies and individuals in a wide array of business disputes and government enforcement matters, particularly in commercial litigation, internal investigations, and white-collar defense. She has worked with clients in internal government investigations at every stage, including federal and state civil and criminal investigations; tax appeals; False Claims Act cases; self-disclosures; and subpoena compliance matters in state, federal, and appellate courts and administrative tribunals.

Kyra also regularly advises and advocates for clients in minority and women-owned business enterprise (MWBE) certification appeals, has advised a large higher education client on an array of inquiries, and assists with trademark litigation. Kyra has successfully appealed numerous adverse determinations from Empire State Development to secure MWBE certification for her clients.

Kyra brings a strategic, hands-on approach to investigations and litigation. Her experience includes drafting critical litigation documents and dispositive motions from the earliest stages of a case through judgment or settlement; negotiating pre-litigation resolutions; handling favorable settlements; preparing matters for trial; and handling investigations from interviews, report drafting, client discussions, and termination or reporting decisions. She has obtained successful rulings on motions to dismiss, judgments, and settlements and possesses valuable trial experience. Kyra routinely appears in court for oral arguments, hearings, and conferences, working closely with clients at every stage to align legal strategy with their goals and to determine the best course of action.

Recognized for her thoughtful approach to sensitive and multifaceted matters, Kyra offers clients practical guidance and strong advocacy, whether resolving disputes through litigation or navigating parallel investigations and regulatory scrutiny.

Bar Associations

- Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, Member
- Capital District Women's Bar Association, Board of Directors Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon's Women's Forum
- Barclay Damon's Black Employee Affinity Network (BEAN)
- Albany Black Chamber of Commerce
- Women's White Collar Defense Association, Junior Professionals Committee, Member; Inclusion Committee, Member

Prior Experience

- Barclay Damon LLP, Summer Associate
- CUSAM, Legal and Educational Intern
- YWCA, Domestic and Sexual Violence Intern
- Hacker Murphy LLP, Legal Intern

Selected Honors

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America: Commercial Litigation, 2024–2026*
- Northeast Black Law Student Association, 57 Most Influential Black Attorneys, 2025
- New York State Bar Association, Empire State Counsel, 2024
- New York State Bar Association Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, Honorable Judith Kaye Commercial and Federal Litigation Scholarship, 2024

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, "MWBE Program Overview"
- Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association and Albany County Bar Association, "Key Considerations in Handling 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 Actions in State and Federal Court," CLE Panelist

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- [Reminder on New Title VI Coordinator Mandate: Compliance Considerations for NYS Higher Education Institutions](#)