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RK&O's litigation group is experienced, tough and client-focused. Our lawyers are veterans in every phase of litigation — from negotiation through arbitration or trial and appeal. We have appeared in state and federal trial courts and bankruptcy courts throughout the United States; have extensive experience authoring appellate briefs and arguing before federal and state courts of appeals; and are broadly skilled in arbitration and mediation. Many of our litigators have served as Assistant United States Attorneys, in senior positions with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or as law clerks in federal or state courts. In addition, our deep regulatory and criminal practice makes us uniquely adept at addressing civil litigation strategy and risk assessment in the context of parallel proceedings.

RK&O's litigators advise and represent major commercial banks, investment banks, hedge funds, insurance companies, investment advisers, broker-dealers, accounting firms, and Fortune 500 companies. In addition to our prominence in the financial services industry, we have particular experience in the advertising, aircraft, manufacturing and pharmaceutical sectors. We also represent individual professionals in the financial services industry, senior management of public and private companies and public company directors.

Our litigation matters often involve the capital markets; complex commercial disputes over contract, tort, antitrust, and intellectual property claims; executive employment and compensation issues; creditors' rights and bankruptcy; and securities and shareholder litigation.

We are counselors as well as advocates. We measure our success not only by dispute outcomes, but also by future conflicts avoided. Clients often seek our assistance in evaluating possible litigation risks or arbitrage opportunities associated with an investment or other business decision. Our clients trust us to understand the interplay between litigation risk and commercial judgment.

RK&O is proud of its reputation for litigation expertise, judgment, and integrity. We seek to provide our clients with the kind of service we would want to receive.

CIVIL LITIGATION (Cont.)

PUBLICATIONS

"Deconstructing *WaMu*: Managing Insider Trading Risks as an Ad Hoc Committee Member" by Eva Marie Carney, Michael Mann and Scott Budlong featured as *Law360* Expert Analysis piece

"Deconstructing *WaMu*: Managing Insider Trading Risks as an Ad Hoc Committee Member" by Eva Marie Carney, Michael Mann and Scott Budlong

"Tribune suits put public liability on trial" by Craig Newman published in the *Financial Times*

"The Secured Lender Review: Seven Cautionary Rules" by Keith Sambur

"Denial of Consents to Secondary Loan Assignments on the Rise" by Paul Haskel and Neil Binder

"Court Tests a Borrower's Ability to Block Loan Transfers to Competitors" by Jon Kibbe, Brian Fraser and Eric Rosen published in the *Conference on Consumer Finance Law Quarterly Report*

"Distress in the United States Public Finance Market?" by Jon Kibbe and Brian Fraser

Litigation Counsel of America Fellow and RK&O partner Brian Fraser featured in *Litigation Commentary and Review*

"US Jurisdiction in International Securities and Swaps Transactions: Boundless?" by Lucinda McConathy published in *Financier Worldwide* magazine

"The Dustbin of History? Second Circuit Makes Clear that Champerty Won't Impede the Rights of Secondary Purchasers" by Brian Fraser

"New York's Highest Court Relieves Debt Trading Market From Uncertainty Regarding The Application Of Champerty" by Brian Fraser

"Champerty And The Assignability of Legal Claims" by Eva Marie Carney and Jon Kibbe

"A Third District Court Has Dismissed SEC Claims Relating to Short Selling and PIPEs" by Eva Marie Carney

"Recent Decisions on Short Selling and PIPEs: Section 5 Claims Dismissed, Insider Trading Claims Survive" by Eva Marie Carney

"Recent Decision Entering Temporary Restraining Order Barring Secondary Market Purchasers of Loan Participations from Bringing Tort Claims Against Agent Bank" by Neil Binder

PRESENTATIONS

James Walker to participate in PLI "Ethics for Corporate Counsel: Multijurisdictional Practice and Other Current Issues" seminar

James Walker to participate in "Preserving Privileges: Ethical Issues Confronting Insurers, Policyholders, & Counsel" panel sponsored by the New York City Bar Association

James Walker participates in "How to Effectively Maneuver Through the Forest of Social Media," hosted by the Association of Black Women Attorneys

James Walker presents "Assessing, Investigating and Responding to Data Breaches" at the 4th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute

James Walker co-presented "High Tech/High Impact Ethics" at the National Employment Lawyers Association New York City Conference on Representing Employees

CIVIL LITIGATION (Cont.)

RK&O partners participate in the panel discussion "Receiving Information, Managing Risk, and Preserving Liquidity: Strategies for the Current Regulatory Landscape" at the Financial Services General Counsel Luncheon in San Francisco

James Walker speaks at the PLI "Information Technology Law Institute 2011: Navigating the New Risks in Mobile Technology, Social Media, Electronic Records and Privacy" seminar

RK&O partners present "Receiving Information, Managing Risk and Preserving Liquidity: Strategies for the Current Regulatory Landscape" at the Alternative Asset Management General Counsel Luncheon in New York City

James Walker speaks at the Women in eDiscovery "Ethics, E-Discovery & Social Networking" seminar

James Walker presents "Ethical Traps for the M&A Practitioner" at the PLI "Mergers and Acquisitions 2011: Trends and Developments" seminar

James Walker speaks at the PLI "Ethics for Corporate Counsel: Multijurisdictional Practice and Other Current Issues 2011" seminar

James Walker speaks at the PLI "Ethics for Corporate Lawyers 2010" seminar

James Walker participates as a Panelist in the "Ethics for Corporate Counsel 2010" seminar hosted by the New York State Bar Association

Jon Kibbe speaks at the 15th Annual Conference of The Loan Syndications and Trading Association

Neil Binder and Michael Friedman present "Analysis of Claims against BP arising from Gulf of Mexico Disaster" hosted by the Susquehanna Financial Group

MaryJeanette Dee participates as a Panelist in the PLI "Overlapping Civil Litigation and Government (Regulatory/Department of Justice) Investigations" seminar

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP names Matthew Riccardi a partner and Grace Wen counsel

U.S. News-Best Lawyers awards RK&O "Law Firm of the Year" in White Collar-Government Investigations Law and recognizes firm's other practice areas

Craig Newman quoted in *Management Today* article "Off on a Rant"

Neil Binder recognized among *AVENUE* magazine's Legal Elite for second consecutive year

Chambers USA recognizes Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP nationally and regionally in 2011 edition

Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP names Jeffrey Lehtman a partner and Catherine Turgeon and Ryan Jackson counsel

James Walker quoted in the *CBS New York* article "NY Bar: Lawyers May Comb Social Media For Dirt"

Chambers USA recognizes RK&O and highlights firm's expertise in Commercial and White-Collar Litigation and Securities Regulation

Lee Richards recognized in the 2010 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

RK&O attorneys recognized as 2009 Super Lawyers



CIVIL LITIGATION (Cont.)

New York Court of Appeals hears oral argument regarding an *amicus curiae* brief filed by RK&O Partners Brian Fraser and Lucinda McConathy on behalf of the LSTA

New York Court of Appeals grants application to file an *amicus curiae* brief submitted by RK&O Partner Brian Fraser on behalf of the LSTA

RK&O Partners, Brian Fraser and Lucinda McConathy, submit an *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of the LSTA to the New York Court of Appeals

Recent Successes: RK&O Secures Dismissal of Directors of Foreign Company from U.S. Securities Lawsuit

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