

Brett M. Kalikow



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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Class Actions

Appellate

Antitrust, Competition &

Consumer Protection

White Collar Defense &

Investigations

LANGUAGES

Spanish

OVERVIEW

Brett M. Kalikow is a former Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the Southern District of New York. He handles complex commercial litigation matters at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts and arbitrations. He represents corporations and individuals, on both the plaintiff and defense side, in a wide variety of substantive areas.

Areas of Concentration

Contract Litigation

Business Torts

Consumer Protection

Securities Litigation

Investigations

Class Action Litigation

Appeals

Prior to joining the Firm, as an AUSA, Brett investigated and prosecuted cases involving international money laundering, embezzlement, mail/wire fraud, tax fraud, computer crime, and narcotics and firearms trafficking. In addition to securing numerous convictions by guilty plea, as the lead prosecutor, Brett secured convictions in a highly publicized bench trial of a woman who climbed the Statue of Liberty on the Fourth of July and in a violation of supervised release evidentiary hearing for a vicious robbery and stabbing that local prosecutors had declined to charge. Brett's work resulted in tens of millions of dollars in civil and criminal forfeitures and restitution to victims.

Brett graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 2014, where he was a member of the *Harvard Law Review*, and *cum laude* from Harvard College in 2009, where he studied Government and Economics. Following his graduation from

Harvard Law School, Brett clerked for United States Circuit Judge Pierre N. Leval on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and United States District Judge Paul A. Engelmayer in the Southern District of New York.

Following his judicial clerkships, Brett practiced in the Litigation Department of Davis Polk in New York City before joining the United States Attorneys' Office in the Southern District of New York.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented the national vacation ownership company and title company as defendants in a class action removed to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri alleging the unauthorized practice of law, which sought damages of over \$20 million. On every claim asserted, the District Court granted defendants' motion for summary judgment.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Homerun Hopefuls, Founder, Former President, Chairman of the Board of Directors

RECOGNITION

True American Hero Award, Federal Drug Agents Foundation

NEWSROOM

In the Media: [Stearns Weaver Brings On Ex-NY Federal Prosecutor In Miami](#)
Law360 | September 2023

Firm Announcements: [Shareholder Brett Kalikow Joins Stearns Weaver Miller's Miami Litigation Group](#)
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EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 2014
Harvard Law Review

A.B., *cum laude*, Harvard College, 2009

ADMISSIONS

Florida

New York

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit