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### Rising Star: Katherine A. Rocco



**Katherine A. Rocco of Latham & Watkins.**

**Practice Profile:** Katherine A. Rocco is a partner and co-chair of the New York Litigation and Trial Department at Latham & Watkins. A litigator with a unique practice spanning the spectrum of civil, criminal and merger antitrust work, Rocco has established

herself as a leading practitioner and thought leader in the complex and rapidly evolving area of antitrust regulatory enforcement. She represents a number of large public companies and private equity companies. In particular, her deep knowledge on the novel

issues PE companies face is an invaluable asset for clients given US antitrust enforcers have exponentially increased scrutiny of PE deals, including but not limited to the current Departments of Justice's enforcement in the Clayton Act Section 8 board interlock area.



# RISING STAR

**Leadership, Pro Bono and Civic Work:** Rocco was recently appointed co-chair of Latham’s New York Litigation & Trial Department. She is a board member of the New Leadership Program for New York’s Legal Aid Society. She previously served in the leadership of, and was a member, of the Civil Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Association (2010–2018), acting as an independent legal observer at the Guantanamo Bay military tribunals in Cuba in 2012 and 2014, and preparing amicus briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court on issues like warrantless wiretapping.

**Prior Experience:** Latham & Watkins, Partner and Co-Chair, New York Litigation and Trial

Department, April 2022–present; Kirkland & Ellis, Partner, September 2016–April 2022; Cravath, Swaine & Moore, Associate, October 2009–August 2016

**Education:** Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2009

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**What advice would you give to young lawyers?** I would tell young female lawyers to just stay in the game; don’t quit if it feels tough even during the years you are building a family. Big law is a marathon and not a sprint.