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Katherine C. Reilly is a partner in Pryor Cashman's White Collar + Regulatory Enforcement Group.

Prior to joining Pryor Cashman, Kate spent more than a decade as a federal prosecutor, including serving as Chief of the Complex Frauds & Cybercrime Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where she led a team of prosecutors handling high-profile cases involving financial crime, tax fraud, healthcare fraud, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), cybercrime, cryptocurrency enforcement, and sanctions violations.

Kate's practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense, regulatory investigations and enforcement, complex civil litigation, cybersecurity, and advisory services. A seasoned trial lawyer and former federal prosecutor, she advises corporations, financial institutions, and individuals on high-stakes government investigations, internal compliance matters, and litigation strategy. Kate represents clients facing investigations by government agencies, including DOJ, the SEC, the CFTC, OFAC, and state regulators. She conducts internal investigations, develops proactive compliance strategies, and provides hands-on guidance to corporations, individuals, corporate boards, and others seeking to proactively mitigate regulatory and enforcement risks.

As a former federal prosecutor with experience in a broad range of substantive areas, Kate provides clients facing criminal investigations an inside perspective as to how those investigations might unfold and practical, real world advice about how to proceed. Similarly, having conducted a number of corporate investigations in her time as a prosecutor, Kate is well positioned to guide companies through internal investigations, whether they touch on anything from financial fraud to sensitive employment matters.

Government & Trial Experience

Kate has extensive experience navigating complex regulatory and enforcement landscapes. In almost eleven years as a federal prosecutor, she successfully litigated or supervised cases related to sophisticated fraud and financial crime; tax fraud and evasion; corporate malfeasance; FCPA violations; and cybercrime, including national security-related cyber-attacks, cryptocurrency hacks and scams, ransomware, and computer and network intrusions. Her experience as a prosecutor involves in-depth work in the financial sector, as well as the healthcare, sports, entertainment, and music industries, among others. She also supervised multi-agency investigations in collaboration with international and domestic law enforcement partners, including the SEC, FBI, IRS, CFTC, FTC, FDIC, Federal Reserve, and DOJ's FCPA unit. She has served as lead trial counsel in or supervised well over a dozen criminal jury trials.

Kate's experience in Government includes high-profile fraud and cybercrime cases, including prosecuting and investigating cases involving:

- The first-ever criminal charges brought against a defendant for music streaming fraud, facilitated by the use of AI-generated content.
- A first-of-its-kind prosecution of two defendants for hacking the Ethereum blockchain.
- The prosecution of a financial adviser and his associates for a multi-million dollar fraud perpetrated on professional athlete clients.
- Convictions of a dozen defendants on charges arising from a more than decade-long kickback scheme in the air cargo industry.
- A multi-million dollar resolution of a criminal investigation of a medical device company and the conviction of the company's CEO for healthcare fraud.
- The prosecution of a subsidiary of a multinational strategy and management consulting firm for corruption violations.
- The investigation of foreign tax shelters, alongside international law enforcement partners, including bringing charges against a Swiss bank for its role in conspiring to evade U.S. tax law.
- Resolving criminal corruption charges with the Latin American subsidiary of a publicly-traded global telecommunications company.

Services

- White Collar + Regulatory Enforcement
- Data Privacy + Cybersecurity
- Litigation

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Princeton University (A.B., *magna cum laude*)

Recognition

- Named a New York City Elite Lawyer in White Collar by *The Legal 500* (2026)
- Named to *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Litigators in America for White Collar, Criminal Defense, Investigations, and Litigation (2026)
- Named to the Profiles In Leadership Journal's List of Women Worth Watching in Leadership (2025)

Community

- Lawyers Advisory Council, New York City Urban Debate League

Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Clerkships

- The Hon. Faith S. Hochberg, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- The Hon. Paul G. Gardephe, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Publications

January 20, 2026

DOJ Announces Creation of National Fraud Enforcement Division

December 23, 2025

'Lopez' and 'Kousisis': The Fraud Chronicles of a Post-'Ciminelli' World

New York Law Journal

November 5, 2025

Reilly Breaks Down NBA Gambling Investigations on ESPN's The Hoop Collective

ESPN's The Hoop Collective

October 7, 2025

Reilly Featured in Profiles in Leadership Journal's "Women Worth Watching" Series

Profiles in Leadership Journal

August 14, 2025

Bribers Without Borders: The FCPA Is Not the Only Law in Town

New York Law Journal

June 20, 2025

Paying for Playing: White-Collar Risks for Online Video Game Companies

New York Law Journal

May 28, 2025

The Take It Down Act Becomes Law: Combatting Revenge Porn and Deepfakes in the Digital Age

April 21, 2025

Watch This Space: DOJ Cryptocurrency Enforcement in the New Administration

New York Law Journal

March 20, 2025

'They're Going To Take You': Responding to a Ransomware Attack

New York Law Journal