

Sidhardha Kamaraju

Partner



New York, NY



skamaraju@pryorcashman.com



212.326.0895



Sidhardha "Sid" Kamaraju is a partner and chair of Pryor Cashman's White Collar + Regulatory Enforcement Practice, as well as member of the Financial Institutions Practice.

Sid's practice focuses on criminal defense, regulatory investigations, complex civil litigation, cross-border litigation, and advisory services. As a seasoned white-collar defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, Sid has extensive experience with corporate security matters, internal investigations, regulatory inquiries, asset forfeiture actions, and criminal prosecutions. In his practice, Sid has tried numerous high-profile criminal cases and argued several significant appeals. Sid's experience includes, but is not limited to, representing:

- Miles Guo, including as lead counsel in an eight-week criminal trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, obtaining acquittals on multiple counts related to a half-a-billion dollar private offering, including wire fraud, securities fraud, and money laundering charges.
- A former senior executive of a major cryptocurrency exchange in connection with federal and state criminal and regulatory investigations, resulting in no criminal or regulatory actions taken against the client.
- A security consultant in connection with DOJ investigation into sanctions evasion and FARA allegations, obtaining immunity for the client.
- Investor funds in connection with a DOJ and SEC investigation into an approximately \$400 million securities fraud scheme.
- A business owner charged by the SEC in connection with alleged Ponzi scheme involving hundreds of millions of dollars.
- The chief compliance officer at global cryptocurrency firm in DOJ prosecution for wire fraud and money laundering.
- The lead project manager of a \$500 million municipal project in a five-week criminal trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in connection with public corruption charges[1]

In addition, Sid routinely counsels corporate clients on a number of matters, including compliance with sanctions regulations, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and securities laws. He is also regularly invited to speak and write on numerous topics, including sanctions and AML compliance, internal investigations, and criminal prosecutions.

Prior to joining the firm, Sid worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. In this role, Sid prosecuted some of the country's most significant national security cases involving, among other things, sanctions evasion, bank fraud, money laundering, Bank Secrecy Act claims, cyber-intrusions, espionage, terrorism, and large-scale narcotics trafficking. At the U.S. Attorney's Office, Sid helped lead the prosecution of several significant cases, including:

- Türkiye Halk Bankasi A.S, a Turkish financial institution, and two individual defendants in connection with the largest sanctions evasion scheme ever prosecuted in a U.S. court, which included at a six-week long trial.

- Joshua Schulte, a former Central Intelligence Agency officer, who was prosecuted for cyber-crimes and espionage, in connection with one of the largest thefts and unauthorized disclosures of classified information in the agency's history, including a five-week long trial.
- Cholo Abdullah, who was prosecuted for participating in a plot to hijack commercial aircraft to conduct 9/11 style attack on behalf of al Qaeda-affiliated terrorist group.
- David Kent, an oil and gas businessman who was prosecuted for hacking into a competitor's database to obtain proprietary commercial information.

Sid's work as a prosecutor was recognized repeatedly, including by the U.S. intelligence community and law enforcement organizations.

[1] Representation occurred at a prior firm.

Services

- White Collar + Regulatory Enforcement
- Litigation
- Financial Institutions
- Cannabis
- International
- FinTech

Education

- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 2006)
- Duke University (B.S., 2002)

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)
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* as a top attorney in Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (2025)
- 2020 Office of the Director of National Intelligence Counter-terrorism Award
- 2018 Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Prosecutor of the Year Award
- 2018 FinCEN Award
- 2018 Office of the Director of National Intelligence Counter-proliferation Award
- 2018 Federation of Defense of Democracies Alberto Nisman Award

Admissions

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

Memberships

- CJA Second Circuit Advisory Panel
- New York City Bar Association's White Collar Crime Committee
- New York Council of Defense Lawyers

Publications

April 16, 2026

Made in America, or Else: The Growing Fraud Risk of Domestic-Origin Claims

New York Law Journal

March 27, 2026

New York Court of Appeals Gives Lawyers Powerful Arguments to Challenge Admission of Video Evidence

New York Law Journal

February 25, 2026

Playing With Fire: Tobacco Sales in North Korea Spark Lawsuits

New York Law Journal

January 20, 2026

DOJ Announces Creation of National Fraud Enforcement Division

January 20, 2026

Pyongyang by Proxy: The Growing Risks of Remote Work

New York Law Journal

December 23, 2025

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

New York Law Journal

November 3, 2025

Trade and Trade-Offs for India: The Dawn of Secondary Tariffs

New York Law Journal

September 19, 2025

In the 'Strike Zone': The Disruptive Technology Strike Force and U.S. Export Controls

New York Law Journal

August 14, 2025

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

New York Law Journal

July 18, 2025

Back to the Future: Developments and Potential Changes for FARA on the Horizon

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

April 21, 2025

Criminal Discovery and Prosecution Teams in Multi-District or Multi-Agency Criminal Investigations

New York Law Journal

April 8, 2025

Will Recent Innovations in SEC Insider Trading and MNPI Enforcement Endure?

New York Law Journal

March 20, 2025

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

New York Law Journal

February 21, 2025

You Got Served: DOJ's New Approach to NDAA Subpoenas and the Significant Ramifications for Foreign Financial Institutions

New York Law Journal

January 21, 2025

Come Fly With Me: DOJ's Proposed FARA Amendments and the Tourism Industry

New York Law Journal

December 19, 2024

Enemy of the State: Foreign Sovereign Immunity and Criminal Prosecutions after 'Halkbank'

New York Law Journal

November 14, 2024

Get Your Popcorn Ready: Sanctions Regulations Involving Artwork and Media Content in a Post-'Chevron' World

New York Law Journal

October 25, 2024

'I'm Sorry, That's Classified.' Navigating Issues of Classified Information in White Collar Prosecutions

New York Law Journal

January 1, 2024

Kamaraju Comments on Records Retention in White-Collar Enforcement

Law360

September 27, 2023

Kamaraju Comments on Sen. Menendez Indictment

Wall Street Journal; Law360; The Philadelphia Inquirer

June 14, 2023

Kamaraju Explains Use of Classified Info in Trials

Politico

June 7, 2023

Kamaraju Discusses Economic Sanctions Trends

Law360

February 1, 2023

Kamaraju Comments on Mental Health Evidence in Trials

Law360

January 2, 2023

Kamaraju Comments on 2023 Enforcement Outlook

Law360

September 27, 2022

Kamaraju Talks Classified Information on Bracewell Sidebar Podcast

The Bracewell Sidebar

June 28, 2022

Kamaraju on Crypto Compliance With Russia Sanctions

Bloomberg Law

March 15, 2022

Practical Advice About the Recent U.S. Sanctions on the Russian Federation and Ukraine

September 7, 2021

Spies Like Us: Why Every Company Needs To Worry About Corporate Espionage

Published in the New York Law Journal