

Ira M. Feinberg

Partner
New York

Biography

Ira Feinberg takes on clients' most challenging legal problems and presents their arguments in the most persuasive way. Ira has been recognized for his notable legal abilities, whether as an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, clerking for Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court, or as Mary Jo White's Chief Appellate Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office. He cuts through complex problems quickly and provides clients with answers that are pragmatic, well-reasoned, and clear.

Ira's practice focuses on two areas the defense of white collar prosecutions and investigations, and civil or criminal appellate matters. He handles the defense of investigations by the U.S. Attorney's Offices, Department of Justice, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the NY Attorney General's Office, representing both companies and individuals. On the appellate side, Ira is frequently retained to brief and argue appeals that others have handled in trial. Ira also has vast experience handling civil and commercial litigation, and has also handled major pro bono litigation for the Brennan Center and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

Previously, Ira was an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) in the Southern District of New York for 11 years. As an AUSA, he was responsible for leading federal investigations and prosecutions, and successfully tried



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Practices

Investigations

Litigation

Industries

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Areas of focus

White Collar Crime and Fraud

Commercial Litigation

Education and

approximately 10 jury trials. Ira was then promoted to Deputy Chief and then Chief Appellate Attorney, where he supervised all of the office's criminal appeals in the Second Circuit and was a trusted advisor to the U.S. Attorney. He has argued more than 35 cases in the Second Circuit, New York Court of Appeals, and other appellate courts.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ira clerked for Chief Judge Henry Friendly of the Second Circuit and Justice Marshall. He has also taught courses in federal criminal law at Harvard Law School.

Representative experience

Led defense of major insurance company in investigations by NY Attorney General, SEC, and Department of Justice.

Successfully represented former insurance company CFO on appeal, overturning criminal conviction for securities fraud.

Successfully represented university in appeal to New York Court of Appeals in action challenging expulsion of student.

Argued Second Circuit appeal for Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights in action challenging exclusionary zoning ordinance.

Successfully represented foreign affiliate of major accounting firm in securities fraud action brought by victims of Madoff Ponzi scheme.

Represented major national bank in action by NYAG challenging bank's mortgage foreclosure policies.

Represented foreign government-owned oil company on appeal in action seeking to enforce arbitration award vacated by foreign court.

Represented firm in mortgage-backed securities industry in successful appeals in Second Circuit and NY

admissions

Education

J.D., magna cum laude, Harvard Law School, 1972

B.A., summa cum laude, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Rutgers College, 1968

Memberships

Chair, Advisory Committee on Second Circuit Rules

Fellow, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

Member, Advisory Group to the New York Federal-State Judicial Council

Member, American Law Institute

Member, Federal Bar Council

Member, Federal Bar Council Inn of Court

Member, New York City Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

California

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

Court of Appeals.

Awards and rankings

- New York Super Lawyers, Appellate, 2010-2013
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, *New York Super Lawyers*, 2007-2009

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Extraterritorial Reach of Securities Exchange Act Section 10(b) and SEC Rule 10b-5 *Litigation Alert*

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

U.S. Supreme Court
