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Ashley Akapo focuses her practice on a wide range of complex matters, including high-stakes commercial litigation and government investigations concerning allegations of corporate and individual misconduct. She has experience preparing and managing cases in both state and federal courts through all phases of litigation, including developing strategies and arguments in preparation for the presentation of cases, drafting and responding to motions and discovery, and interviewing clients and witnesses in preparation for depositions.

In government enforcement matters, Ashley represents clients before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) in inquiries, investigations, Wells submissions, actions, and administrative proceedings covering a wide range of purported misconduct. Ashley has experience in responding to allegations of securities fraud, violations of the Securities Act of 1933, Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and fraud.

Notable Work

SEC Investigations: Represented an investment advisory firm in a lengthy investigation, resulting in a favorable settlement for the firm.

FINRA Proceedings: Represented a broker-dealer and registered representatives in multiple arbitration proceedings against allegations of unsuitability, unauthorized and excessive training, misrepresentation, and failure to supervise. Also obtained expungement of claims alleged in the proceedings in state court.

Private Equity Firm: Successfully represented a private equity firm against allegations of breach of contract brought by a publicly traded company seeking a loan to support its business.

FCRA Litigation: Successfully represented a national credit union against allegations of violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Commercial Disputes
White Collar Crime and Government Investigations
Securities Litigation
Financial Services
Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation
Broker-Dealer

Education

J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2015, cum laude, *Journal of Law and Policy*, Executive Notes and Comments Editor
B.A., University of Rochester, 2010

Admissions

Bars

New York
New Jersey

Courts

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Related Content

SEC Rule Change May Slow Investigation Pace
March 20, 2025

Supreme Court Holds That Pure Omissions Do Not Support Section 10(b) Claims in *Macquarie Infrastructure Corp. v. Moab Partners, L.P.*
April 17, 2024

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2024 Guide*
August 22, 2023

Related Professional Experience

- U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, Civil Division Legal Intern, Fall 2014
- New York State Office of the Attorney General, Litigation Bureau, New York, New York, Legal Intern, Fall 2013
- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Joan M. Azrack, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, Summer 2013

Published Work and Lectures

- Akerman Practice Update, Co-Author, "Delaware Court of Chancery Extends Oversight Obligations to Non-Director Corporate Officers," February 21, 2023

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in New York for Commercial Litigation as "One to Watch"