

## Catherine Pastrikos Kelly

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### Overview

Businesses, entrepreneurs, executives, employees and people with business interests turn to Catherine Pastrikos Kelly for assistance with their most challenging cases. Catherine has particular experience with matters that involve substantial financial or business exposure and cutting-edge legal issues. Catherine has represented clients and served as lead counsel in hundreds of actions in state and federal courts throughout the country in contract disputes, shareholder disputes and business torts cases. In these cases and throughout her career, Catherine has earned a reputation as a tenacious, creative and successful attorney whose singular goal is to achieve consistently higher than expected outcomes for clients. Most importantly, Catherine is a trusted counselor and advisor to clients across various industries and on different issues.

By way of example, Catherine has represented multiple clients throughout the world in the veterinary industry against a manufacturer of veterinary machinery for breach of contract and fraud claims, among others. Catherine won each of the cases that have concluded and has collected all of the judgments in full with attorney's fees. She has also represented numerous clients throughout the country in the technology, mortgage, food service, furniture, construction and real estate industries in shareholder disputes. In one case, Catherine successfully defended her client in preventing the Court from issuing a temporary restraining order and injunction threatening to impose a receiver on the company. In another shareholder dispute, Catherine was brought in as counsel after a temporary restraining order and injunction were entered against her client and successfully got it reversed. Catherine has also represented companies, executives and employees in the health care, electronics, technology and personal care industries on employment cases involving non-competition, non-solicitation and confidentiality agreements, wrongful termination suits and severance issues. Finally, Catherine has represented high net worth individuals in a high-profile tax and securities fraud investigation of large offshore asset protection devices that lasted over six years and had connections to multiple jurisdictions, including the United States, the Cayman Islands and the Isle of Man.

As a Greek-American attorney with ties to the United Kingdom, Catherine's understanding of Greek, British and American cultural and commercial norms, makes her a particularly effective advocate for Greek and British clients with legal needs in the United States.

## Practice Areas

- Litigation
  - Business Litigation
  - Business Torts Litigation
  - Construction Litigation
  - Contract Litigation
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Shareholder and Director/Officer Litigation
  - Appellate Practice
  - Arbitration
  - General Matters
  - Insurance Recovery
- Environmental Litigation
- General Litigation
- Hospitality Litigation
- Insurance Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Securities Litigation
- Environmental Law

## Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court Western District of New York
- U.S. Supreme Court

## Education

- **Albany Law School of Union University, Albany, New York**
  - J.D., *magna cum laude*
- **Rutgers University, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey**
  - B.S., *cum laude*

## Professional Associations and Memberships

- Children's Light Foundation, Director and General Counsel
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, Best Practices Committee Co-Director
- New Jersey Board of Education, Member

## Published Works

- "Is Recording a Conversation Legal?," Catherine Pastrikos Kelly, New Jersey Banker, Winter 2018. [Click to read.](#)
- *Renewal Option in a Commercial Lease: Failure Could Cost You Your Business*, Catherine Pastrikos Kelly and Paul J. DeMartino Jr., New Jersey Law Journal, Vol. 223, No. 17, April 2017. [Click to read.](#)
- *Is Recording A Conversation Legal? The Laws Everyone Should Know*, Catherine Pastrikos Kelly, New Jersey Law Journal, Vol. 223, No. 12, 2017
- *Non-Compete Agreements: What Every Company and Employee Should Know*, Catherine Pastrikos Kelly, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation - Business Torts and Unfair Competition, July 26, 2016
- *Eastern District of New York Goes Its Own Way on Dischargeability of Bar Review Loan*, Catherine Pastrikos Kelly, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation - Bankruptcy & Insolvency, June 10, 2016
- *What You Should Know About the Implied Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing*, Catherine Pastrikos Kelly, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation - Business Torts and Unfair Competition, March 31, 2016
- *From Main Street to Wall Street: The Changing Dynamics of Hotel Ownership*, Hotel Business Review, available at [www.Hotelexecutive.com](http://www.Hotelexecutive.com)
- *Understanding The Rights And Responsibilities of Hotel Owners And Managers Involved In A Hotel Takeover*, Hotel Business Review, available at [www.Hotelexecutive.com](http://www.Hotelexecutive.com)
- *Identity Theft Statutes: Which Will Protect Americans the Most?* 67 ALB. L. Rev. 1137 (2004)
- *Panarello v. Segalla*, NYLJ, Aug. 1, 2002, at 24, col 1