
WilmerHale Expands its Financial Institutions Practice Group

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce the arrival of Sara A. Kelsey who has joined the firm's New York office as counsel in the firm's Financial Institutions Practice Group.

Kelsey has more than 30 years of experience working with financial institutions. Most recently, she served as General Counsel of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation where she advised the Chairman, senior management and the FDIC board on issues relating to the FDIC's statutory responsibilities. Prior to her work there, Kelsey served as Deputy Superintendent and General Counsel of the New York State Banking Department, where she spent eight years practicing law, formulating policy and managing the Department. Additionally, she has held positions as Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Chemical Bank (now JPMorgan Chase Bank) and as a Senior Attorney at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, DC.

"In her work with the FDIC and the New York State Banking Department, Sara has been in the forefront of banking law developments over the last decade and she is a highly regarded expert in this field," said Russ Bruemmer, chair of WilmerHale's Financial Institutions Practice Group. "Sara's range of experience and her talents as a banking lawyer will no doubt bring a wealth

of knowledge and insight to the firm, and we are excited to have her as a member of our practice group.”

“We are thrilled to welcome Sara to the firm,” said [Robert Novick](#), chair of WilmerHale’s Regulatory and Government Affairs Department. “With more than 30 years of experience working with financial institutions, her breadth of understanding and skill set are unique and will allow us to better serve our clients.”

Clients look to WilmerHale’s Financial Institutions Practice Group for assistance with complex, challenging federal regulatory and legislative, litigation, enforcement, and business transaction matters that impact them as banks, card issuers, insurance companies, broker dealers, mortgage lenders, database operators, on-line firms, and other financial services providers.

Kelsey stated: “I am honored to join such a well respected firm, and I look forward to working with my new colleagues to meet the needs of our clients as the financial sector continues to restructure to meet the current economic crisis.”

Kelsey received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley. She is admitted to the New York State Bar, and is a member of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the American Bar Association.