



## *Michael Romais*

### COUNSEL

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Michael Romais counsels a broad range of clients on enforcement, regulatory and policy matters, with an emphasis on financial services. Mr. Romais centers his practice on investigations and compliance issues related to anti-money laundering (AML), economic sanctions, public corruption, offshore tax evasion and consumer financial protection.

Mr. Romais has represented clients before the US Department of Justice, US Attorneys' Offices, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Office of Foreign Assets Control, New York's Department of Financial Services, Federal Reserve Board, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Internal Revenue Service, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and UK Financial Conduct Authority, including representations in which companies face inquiries from multiple government entities. In addition, Mr. Romais has significant experience representing clients in connection with Congressional inquiries and hearing preparation, including before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, House Committee on Oversight and Reform, and House Committee on Financial Services.

He has also advised a wide variety of clients in connection with AML, economic sanctions and other financial crimes compliance issues, including performing compliance risk assessments, developing and enhancing policies and procedures, and advising on complex regulatory questions. On behalf of private equity clients, Mr. Romais has also conducted regulatory diligence on a number of financial technology companies, principally in the payments space.

Mr. Romais previously worked at the firm as a summer associate. While attending law school, Mr. Romais served in the summer honors program at the US Department of the Treasury in the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs, where he worked on legal and policy issues related to international trade, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, international financial regulation, and multilateral development banks and the International Monetary Fund. Before pursuing his law degree, Mr. Romais was an analyst at an international business and economic policy advisory firm, where he focused on international financial regulation and trade policy, along with US domestic and economic policy.

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## Solutions

AML and Economic Sanctions  
Compliance and Enforcement  
Cross-Border Investigations  
and Compliance

Bank Regulation and  
Enforcement  
Investigations

Consumer Financial Services

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## Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for his white-collar criminal defense in 2022-2023

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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

JD, New York University  
School of Law, 2015

*Staff Editor, Annual Survey of  
American Law*

BA, Political Science, Haverford  
College, 2011

### ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia  
New York