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Andrea Levin Kim has been with Diamond McCarthy since its inception. Prior to joining the firm, she was an associate with Hughes & Luce, L.L.P. Andrea has experience in various areas of commercial litigation including representation of domestic and international financial institutions and a wide range of substantive litigation areas including director and officer and other professional liability with special emphasis on accounting and audit issues, securities fraud, and a wide range of contract disputes. Andrea has substantial experience in litigating cross-border disputes and complex commercial matters involving multiple party and multiple venue litigations. She has both prosecuted and defended claims for public and privately-held companies and financial services related companies and institutions.

A representative sample of some of the cases in which Andrea has acted as counsel include:

- Lead lawyer in successful representation of several banks (including one of the world's largest international banks and the oldest banking interest in the United States) in several transfer and warranty claim cases arising out of check frauds that resulted in a favorable summary judgment in each case;
- Co-lead lawyer in successful representation of a class of more than 1,000 investors and court-appointed liquidators/trustees for joint protocol multiple country bankruptcy estates in audit malpractice claims against a Big Four accounting firm on a contingency basis, that resulted in a successful recovery;
- Co-lead lawyer in successful representation of a large international bank, one of the largest agricultural lenders in the world, in litigation against directors and officers and various Big Four accounting firm auditors;
- Litigation team member in successful representation of a Chapter 11 Trustee in one of the largest bankruptcy estates in U.S. history in accounting malpractice claims against a Big Four accounting firm, amidst claims against other professionals; and
- Litigation team member in successful defense (summary judgment) of one of the continent's largest manufacturers of overhead and automatic doors in class action and shareholder derivative action claim.

Andrea received both her J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Texas and graduated with distinction as a Sord Scholar. She was a member of the Texas Business Law Journal and co-authored, "Covenants Not To Compete: A Texas Odyssey," published in its Spring 1996 edition. She received her B.B.A. in accounting in the Honors Business Program of the University of Texas, graduating with high honors.

Andrea co-authored "In Ratings We Trust? The Role Played by Rating Agencies in the Subprime Debacle," published on the ABA Bankruptcy & Insolvency Litigation Committee webpage in March 2008. She also co-authored, "Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance: Probable Directions in Texas Law," published in the Spring 2001 edition of the Review of Litigation and presented that at the 2000 South Texas - Texas Insurance Law Symposium.

Andrea served as an adjunct professor, teaching legal research and writing at the University of Houston Law School, and is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, and the Houston Bar Association.

Location:

Houston, Texas

Education:

University of Texas at Austin
B.B.A. Accounting, Business
Honors Program, High Honors
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University of Texas
School of Law
J.D., 1996
University of Texas Graduate
Business School
M.B.A., Sord Scholar, Dean's
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Areas of Practice:

Professional and Director Liability
Complex Business Tort Litigation
Financial Institution and Securities
Litigation
Corporate/Business Disputes
Insurance Litigation