Overview

Steptoe’s New York office is best known for our unmatched depth of experience in complex civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense, and intellectual property litigation and patent prosecution. We also maintain robust cybersecurity, corporate, tax, and trusts and estates practices.

Steptoe’s New York lawyers include former federal and state prosecutors, federal District, Circuit, and Supreme Court law clerks, and leaders of the bar. In an increasingly interconnected world, Steptoe’s New York office leverages Steptoe’s national and international resources to advise clients around the globe.

Complex Civil Litigation and White-Collar Criminal Investigations

Steptoe’s New York office has been repeatedly turned to by high-profile clients from diverse backgrounds to litigate in a variety of subject areas, in New York and across the country, and often through trial. Steptoe’s NY civil litigators have extensive experience in matters involving contract disputes, professional liability, insurance coverage, data privacy, and a variety of other complex commercial disputes.

Steptoe’s highly regarded NY white-collar criminal defense practice has extensive trial and appellate experience in a variety of significant matters brought by the Department of Justice, the US Attorney’s Offices in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, the Securities Exchange Commission, the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, the New York State Attorney General’s Office, the New York State Department of Financial Services, and various federal, state, and local regulators. These matters involve charges of securities and accounting fraud, political corruption, mail and wire fraud, theft, antitrust, FCPA violations, and campaign finance fraud.

Steptoe’s “SDNY Blog” is relied on by practitioners and courts as the preeminent law blog focusing on civil litigation in the Southern District of New York, and our “Cyberblog” is a widely-read blog focusing on cutting-edge cybersecurity and privacy issues.

Intellectual Property

Steptoe’s NY IP team focuses on Life Sciences and is at the forefront of the legal issues surrounding biologics, biosimilars, small molecule pharmaceuticals, and medical devices. Given the technical demands of our practice, most lawyers hold advanced scientific degrees, including five with Ph.D.s and two with M.S. degrees, and nearly all are registered to practice before the USPTO. Steptoe’s NY IP team uniquely blends deep legal and technical expertise to obtain the best outcomes for our clients and provides a full range of legal services including district court and appellate patent litigation, freedom-to-operate and due diligence analyses, PTO post-grant procedures with a focus on inter partes review, patent prosecution and portfolio development, and drafting and negotiating IP transactions.

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Steptoe’s New York office regularly advises clients on matters of corporate finance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance matters. We counsel global businesses on complex international tax issues, and represents high-net-worth individuals and families in estate issues, tax planning, in connection with charitable endeavors, and in other personal and business matters.

Publications including Chambers USA, Legal 500 US, The National Law Journal, and Law360 recognize the lawyers and practices represented in the New York office for their work, and many of the lawyers are leaders in legal and professional organizations.