



Julia I. Catania specializes in white collar defense, regulatory investigations, and complex civil litigation. She represents individuals and corporations facing allegations of financial misconduct, including securities and accounting fraud, bribery, embezzlement, and money laundering. She also assists clients in resolving contract disputes and other enterprise-threatening business practices. Her practice spans both federal and state courts, as well as domestic and cross-border matters, including international extradition defense in Latin America and Europe.

Julia is a seasoned litigator and has second chaired two jury trials in the Southern District of New York and argued an appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

She has played key roles in several high-profile matters, including:

- Representing a former banker in a LIBOR-related investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- Serving as post-conviction relief and appellate counsel in *U.S. v. Ahuja et al.*, a Southern District of New York securities and wire fraud prosecution involving alleged mispricing of securities at a hedge fund
- Representing lead defendants in a high-profile FCPA investigation and related U.S. securities class action litigation concerning alleged corruption in Brazil

Julia I. Catania

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Education

Columbia University School of Law, J.D. 2014
Human Rights Law Review

Boston University, B.A., cum laude, 2009

Bar Admissions

New York

U.S. District Courts: Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits

Languages

Spanish

- Serving as trial counsel in the criminal jury trial *U.S. v. Zhongsan Liu*, where she cross-examined the government's expert witnesses in a sensitive national security prosecution
- Arguing *Lee v. Greenwood* before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, which involved important First Amendment questions related to criminal sentencing
- Drafting amicus curiae briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court on issues including statutes of limitations for SEC disgorgement, coram nobis relief for actual innocence, and confrontation clause implications in capital cases

Julia earned her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 2014, where she served on the Human Rights Law Review, and received her B.A., cum laude, from Boston University in 2009. She is admitted to practice in New York, as well as in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and she is admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits. She is fluent in Spanish.

Experience

Civil Litigation

- Represented a co-founder of tech startup in exit dispute with his company.

Financial Fraud

- Appellate counsel in *U.S. v. Ahuja et al.*, an SDNY securities and wire fraud prosecution involving alleged mismarking of securities at a hedge fund.
- Represented a class of plaintiffs seeking the return of approximately \$14.9 billion from the SEC for unauthorized disgorgement collections.

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- Represented a former banker in a LIBOR-related investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice and Commodities Futures Trading Commission.
- Represented a former banker in a prosecution in the Southern District of New York relating to LIBOR.
- Represented a prominent investment adviser and its principal in an appeal to the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to an enforcement action alleging fraud in connection with the creation and marketing of certain CDOs. Obtained partial reversal of administrative law judge's findings. Continued representation on appeal from the SEC's partial affirmance in the D.C. Circuit.
- Represented a prominent investment adviser in a civil litigation in the Southern District of New York relating to fraud in connection with the creation and marketing of CDOs.
- Represented the Special Claims Committee of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico.
- Represented a former banker in a LIBOR-related investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice and Commodities Futures Trading Commission.
- Represented an exotics trader of a financial institution in investigation by FINRA relating to ISDAFIX.

Corruption

- Represented lead defendants in high-profile FCPA investigation and related U.S. securities class action litigation regarding alleged corruption in Brazil.
- Represented leading European executive in investigations and potential extradition proceedings relating to alleged bribery in Central America.
- Represented an executive of a multinational technology company based in Brazil relating to bribery and corruption allegations.

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Appeals

- Argued *Lee v. Greenwood*, a First Amendment appeal in the Second Circuit.
- Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of amicus curiae the Constitution Project at the Project on Government Oversight in *Rodney Reed v. Texas*, a capital case involving new evidence of suppressed evidence and false science.
- Appellate counsel in *U.S. v. Ahuja et al.*, an SDNY securities and wire fraud prosecution involving alleged mispricing of securities at a hedge fund.
- Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of an amicus curiae in *Lucia v. SEC* challenging the constitutionality of SEC administrative law judge appointments.
- Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Innocence Project as amicus curiae in a certiorari petition relating to coram nobis relief for actual innocence.
- Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of an amicus curiae in *Kokesh v. SEC* challenging SEC disgorgement orders.
- Briefs to the DC Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, and U.S. Supreme Court relating to defects in SEC administrative proceedings.
- Brief to the Second Circuit on behalf of a prominent investment adviser and its principal in an appeal of a collateral challenge to the validity of an SEC administrative proceeding.
- Appellate counsel for the same investment advisor and its principal in an appeal to the DC Circuit from an SEC sanctions order.

Trials

- Trial counsel in *U.S. v. Zhongsan Liu*, a criminal jury trial in the Southern District of New York.

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- Trial counsel in pro bono civil rights jury trial in the Southern District of New York.

Internal Investigations

- Conducted internal investigation for an entity that suffered embezzlement by a financial officer.
- Conducted internal investigations for a number of business entity clients in criminal and civil matters.

Anti-Money Laundering

- Represented the former chief compliance officer of a financial institution in connection with U.S. Department of Justice and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency investigations relating to Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money-Laundering controls.

Extradition

- Represented European executives in connection with potential U.S.-Spain-Guatemala extradition matters relating to alleged corruption.
- Represented a high-profile individual in connection with U.S.-Uruguay extradition proceedings

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