



Krassi Zourkova

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Krassi Zourkova focuses her practice in the areas of over-the-counter derivatives, hedge funds and private equity. She represents major funds, investment managers, proprietary trading firms, pension plans, governmental entities and other buy-side clients in structuring and negotiating the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA), prime brokerage, repurchase, stock lending and other trading agreements. Krassi also advises major institutional clients on fund formation and on investments in hedge fund and private equity vehicles.

Cross-disciplinary approach to client service

Krassi's practice spans the financial services arena. With almost two decades of derivatives and fund experience, she advises asset managers at all stages of an entity's lifespan: from formation and structuring, through setup of active investment portfolios, to regulatory compliance and ongoing risk management. On the OTC side, she also counsels swap end users on highly tailored hedge structures in commercial lending, public finance, wealth management, securitizations and other corporate transactions.

A trade is never just a trade. It must fit a client's structure and risk/reward appetite. It should deliver only the desired outcome, no more and no less. Often what is most important is not even on the page. But it should be. Financial engineering — whether a swap structure or a web of investment vehicles — is all about a nuanced understanding of the risks involved. Krassi helps clients assess and minimize those risks, while navigating the ever evolving financial marketplace.

News

- Katten Advises CleanSpark on \$650 Million Convertible Senior Notes Offering (December 23, 2024)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 2021)
- Katten Names Four New Partners (May 8, 2009)

Practices

- Financial Markets and Funds
- Futures and Derivatives
- Government and Public Finance
- Investment Management and Trading
- Private Equity
- Structured Products

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

Education

- JD, Harvard Law School
- BA, Princeton University

Bar Admissions

- New York
- California

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Publications

- Initial Margin Guidance for US Swap End Users (July 29, 2020)
- Hope for the Best but Prepare for the Worst — Steps to Take If You are Worried About the Effects of the Pandemic on Your ISDA Counterparty (April 27, 2020)
- Questions and Answers Concerning the Final Prudential Regulator Margin Rules for Non-Cleared Swaps (January 2016)
- Questions and Answers Concerning the Final Prudential Regulator Margin Rules for Non-Cleared Swaps (December 8, 2015)
- Highlights of the Final Prudential Regulator Margin Rules for Non-Cleared Swaps (November 10, 2015)
- The Re-Proposed Margin Rules for Non-Cleared Swaps: Some Issues and Suggestions for End Users (October 31, 2014)
- The CFTC's Proposed Guidance on Cross-Border Swap Regulation and Proposed Exemptive Order (July 10, 2012)
- Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 Introduces Extended Period of Regulatory Uncertainty (August 4, 2010)
- Financial Services Regulatory Reform Legislation Moves Forward (May 27, 2010)
- Deadline Established to Assert Claims Against Lehman Brothers (July 10, 2009)

Presentations and Events

- OTC Derivatives – Current Developments (June 25, 2009) | *Presenter*