

Andrew J. Pecoraro

Partner

Appeals and Critical Motions

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Clients trust Andrew Pecoraro to guide them through complex legal challenges, including civil and criminal appeals, dispositive motions and internal and government investigations. He has defended entities and individuals across a range of industries — from healthcare to financial services — in litigation and other disputes involving claims of intentional wrongdoing, including claims under fraud and abuse laws. His ability to quickly and thoroughly analyze both the facts and applicable law allows him to develop tailored strategies designed to realize clients' ultimate goals.

Skilled advocacy for real-world solutions

Andrew has represented large and small businesses, as well as individuals, at all levels of federal and state trial and appellate courts. He has prepared briefs and motions before the US Supreme Court, federal Courts of Appeals, state supreme courts, and federal district courts on a broad array of subjects, including *qui tam litigation*, criminal defense, fraud, due process, privacy, and patient rights.

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Andrew's advocacy extends beyond the courtroom to defending companies and individuals in investigations involving the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and other government enforcement agencies. Through his advocacy, he has convinced the government not to intervene or settle a number of *qui tam* suits and other investigations. Andrew has also led several investigations on behalf of independent directors and special committees in bankruptcy proceedings.

Prior to joining Katten, Andrew served as a law clerk to the Honorable Barbara Milano Keenan of the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Practices

- Appeals and Critical Motions
- White Collar and Internal Investigations
- Healthcare
- Healthcare Regulatory and Compliance
- Healthcare Litigation, Reimbursement and Regulation
- Litigation
- Restructuring

Education

- JD, William & Mary Law School
- MLitt, University of Glasgow
- BA, McDaniel College

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

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He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema of the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.,

Representative Experience

- Represented physician practice management organization in responding to a Civil Investigative Demand by the Federal Trade Commission concerning potential violations of the Clayton Act and the FTC Act.
- Represents physicians and physician practice groups in False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute litigation and government investigations.
- Principal drafter of an appellee brief before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit arising from a Telephone Consumer Protection Act dispute. Won affirmance by the Ninth Circuit.
- Co-authored brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, successfully opposing a petition for writ of mandamus on a patent venue issue.
- Defended companies and individuals in civil *qui tam* litigation, including drafting dispositive briefing and preparing presentations to the government.
- Represented international financial institution in defending civil RICO lawsuit at both the trial and appellate levels. Case was dismissed by the trial court, with the dismissal affirmed by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Represented independent directors of a financial services firm in conducting an independent investigation of historical transactions in connection with the firm's Chapter 11 bankruptcy case pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.
- Successfully represented a healthcare entity in litigation concerning breach of contract and misappropriation of trade secrets.
- Successfully represented large mortgage lender in an investigation by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Resolved the investigation via a favorable settlement.
- Principal drafter of an *amicus* brief on behalf of labor unions in appeal before the US Supreme Court.*

*Experience prior to Katten

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
    - Commercial Litigation, 2027

News

- Katten Announces 2026 Partner Promotions (September 1, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Restructuring Wins in Three Categories of *Global M&A Network*'s 20th Annual Turnaround Awards (January 21, 2026)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Restructuring Wins in Seven Categories of *The M&A Advisor*'s 19th Annual Turnaround Awards (January 30, 2025)
- Katten Restructuring Awarded Multiple Turnaround Atlas Awards by the *Global M&A Network* (September 17, 2024)

Publications

- A New 'Carrot' in the Government's Pocket: DOJ Announces Pilot Program to Reward Whistleblowers (March 11, 2024)