Farzad F. Damania

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Practices

FOCUS: Capital Markets

Corporate

Corporate Governance

Environmental, Social and Governance

ESG and Sustainable Investing

ESG Litigation and Sustainability Compliance

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Education

LLM, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology

LLB, Government Law College

BA, St. Xavier's College

Bar Admissions

New York

Community Involvements

American Bar Association

Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa

Law360, Capital Markets Editorial Board, 2024

New York State Bar Association

South Asian Bar Association of New York

Farzad Damania speaks the language of business. Whether advising clients on securities regulation, corporate governance or capital markets and mergers and acquisitions (M&A), he is steeped in the issues that drive client success.

Seeing issues from all sides

Global public and private companies, their boards and underwriters appreciate the sound business judgment Farzad brings to every matter. His practical approach to legal issues, combined with his detailed knowledge of client businesses, prevents regulatory delays and helps close deals. His fluency with securities laws and cross-border transactions often smooths the path with business partners and opponents.

Farzad has advised several public companies extensively on securities regulations, corporate governance issues, rules of stock exchanges and proxy advisory firms. He has represented companies in a wide range of industries, from telecom to food and beverage, heath care, mining, retail, software and technology. His cross-border experience includes capital markets and M&A transactions with clients in diverse markets from Canada and Europe to China, India and Japan. Farzad also counsels clients on environmental, social and governance (ESG) compliance and reporting.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Super Lawyers*
  - New York, 2016–2023
- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
  - New York, 2012

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- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2017–2019

News

- Multiple Katten Partners Selected to Serve on 2024 *Law360* Editorial Advisory Boards (March 22, 2024)
- U.S. companies scramble ahead of EU climate disclosure rules | *E&E News* (October 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2023 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 29, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Earn 2022 New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Distinctions (September 29, 2022)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Named 2021 New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Honorees (September 30, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists (October 28, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Nominated to 2019 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 12, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2018 New York *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (September 13, 2018)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Acknowledged in 2017 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 20, 2017)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)

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- Farzad F. Damania Joins Katten as Partner in the New York Corporate Group (July 7, 2016)

Publications

- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 12 (March 2024)
- SEC Finalizes Much-Anticipated Climate Disclosure Rules (March 8, 2024)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 10 (October 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 6 (September 2023)
- California Passes Two Climate Disclosure Laws That Will Require Unique, Public Reporting of Carbon Emissions and Climate Risk (September 26, 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 3 (June 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 15 (June 13, 2023)
- SEC Turns Up Heat on Climate-Related Comment Letters (May 24, 2023)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 6 (May 2023)
- Navigating the Regulatory Landscape – SEC Adopts New Rules Requiring Increased Disclosure on Stock Buybacks – Including Quarterly Reporting of Daily Repurchase Activity (May 12, 2023)
- SEC Adopts Amendments to Rule 10b5-1 Plan Requirements and Increases Disclosure Requirements Regarding Insider Trading Policies (December 27, 2022)
- SEC's Climate-Related Comment Letters – Avoiding Potential Pitfalls (May 3, 2022)
- SEC Proposes Climate-Related Disclosure Requirements (May 3, 2022)
- ESG Shareholder Proposals: Practical Guidance from Proxy, Legal, IR and Consulting Perspectives (May 3, 2022)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 3 (May 3, 2022)

- SEC Sample Letter to Companies Regarding Climate Change Disclosures (October 14, 2021)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 1 (October 14, 2021)
- Client Alert: SEC Approves Nasdaq's Board Diversity Disclosure Requirements (August 16, 2021)
- Public Company Acquired Company Financial Statement Rules (September 16, 2020)
- Second Quarter Reporting — Recent SEC Guidance on COVID-19-Related Disclosure (July 29, 2020)
- Capital Raising During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Offering Structures for a Volatile Market (May 6, 2020)
- COVID-19 Impact on Public Disclosure on SEC Reporting Companies (April 1, 2020)
- Virtual Shareholder Meetings in the Wake of COVID-19: Legal and Practical Considerations (March 26, 2020)
- *Corporate & Financial Weekly Digest* (Weekly) | *Author*

Presentations and Events

- Navigating a Career as a Foreign National Legal Professional (May 16, 2023)
- 42nd Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate & Securities Law Conference (September 21–23, 2022) | *Panelist*
- General Counsel Conference East 2022 (September 19–20, 2022) | *Panelist* | *ESG is not One Size Fits All: Undertaking ESG Integration for Businesses*
- ESG Shareholder Proposals — Practical Guidance From Proxy, Legal, IR and Consulting Perspectives (January 6, 2022)
- ESG in 2021: Practical Guidance from Legal, Audit and Consulting Perspectives (April 27, 2021) | *Panelist*

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- Senior Practitioner Virtual Meeting (October 13, 2020) | *Presenter* | *Board Service 2020 and Beyond, Pivoting to a New Normal*
- COVID-19 Public Company Update (April 6, 2020) | *Speaker*
- Assent – Supply Chain Insight (November 20, 2019) | *Panelist* | *Best Practices in Corporate Social Responsibility*
- National Investor Relations Institute (April 13, 2017) | *Panelist* | *Financial Disclosure Trends: Do's, Don'ts and Maybes*