

Latham Brings In Antitrust Partner From Kirkland In NY

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Law360 (April 11, 2022, 9:56 AM EDT) -- Latham & Watkins LLP has hired an antitrust partner away from Kirkland & Ellis LLP for the firm's global antitrust and competition team in its New York office.

Katherine A. Rocco will handle antitrust matters for Latham such as price-fixing investigations, merger clearances, cross-border transactions and "large-scale domestic and cross-border investigations," the firm said in an April 4 statement. She'll also join the firm's litigation and trial department.



Katherine A. Rocco

"I was drawn to Latham for a number of reasons, including the elite antitrust practice, global footprint, entrepreneurial culture, and the firm's strength across practice groups, particularly private equity and M&A," Rocco said in a statement.

"I'm excited to be part of a global team at the forefront of antitrust law and look forward to helping clients navigate this rapidly evolving enforcement environment."

Amanda Reeves, global chair of the firm's antitrust and competition team, said that Rocco's "unique practice" will be "a huge boon" for her team.

"Kate's unique practice, which spans not only litigation but also merger control and corporate deal work, primarily for private equity clients, is a huge boon to our elite global antitrust practice as well as our world-class PE and M&A teams," Reeves said in a statement. "The regulatory sands are shifting fast and furiously, and bringing Kate aboard during this new era of antitrust enforcement will further enhance our ability to devise and execute solutions for our clients that are cutting-edge, strategic, and adaptable."

Marc Jaffe, managing partner of the firm's New York office, said in a statement that Rocco's "engaging and entrepreneurial spirit ensures she'll integrate seamlessly into our New York office and hit the ground running."

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