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## KATHRYN RUEMMLER

**PARTNER, LATHAM & WATKINS,  
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After serving three years in the White House as counsel to President Barack Obama, Kathryn Ruemmler landed last year at her former firm

Latham & Watkins as global co-chairwoman of the firm's white-collar defense and investigations practice. As a sign of her talents, Obama tried to woo her back to his administration, asking her to consider succeeding Eric Holder Jr. as U.S. attorney general. But Ruemmler declined.

Ruemmler, a former top lawyer in Deputy Attorney General David Ogden's office, is growing Latham's practice and shuttling between Washington and New York.

## KEY SKILLS AND PERSONALITY TRAITS

Good judgment coupled with a good sense of humor.

—KATHRYN RUEMMLER