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Practice Areas

Litigation and Arbitration, White Collar Defense and Regulation, U.S. Employment Investigations

Education

Yale Law School (J.D., 2013); Brandeis University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2010)

Bar Admissions

New York State; California; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

Sri Kuehnlenz is managing partner of Cohen & Gresser's Palo Alto office and a member of the firm's Litigation & Arbitration and White Collar Defense & Regulation groups. She represents both companies and individuals in litigation and enforcement matters. Sri has experience in matters involving contract claims, securities laws, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, consumer protection laws, the UCC, and executive employment issues, among others, with a particular focus on cases involving complex financial and accounting issues.

Sri's notable civil matters include representing a major credit card corporation in a deceptive practices claim, working on behalf of an asset management firm in multi-faceted litigation to defend against contractual, fiduciary duty, and fraudulent transfer claims, and representing a hedge fund in a pivotal breach of contract appeal.

On the criminal and regulatory side, Sri has represented senior executives and companies in complex financial investigations at every stage, from the initial regulatory inquiry to negotiations of a potential resolution and through trial, if necessary.

Sri also provides pre-litigation counsel, routinely advising clients in contract disputes and employment negotiations, among other matters.

In recognition of her work, Sri was named a Rising Star by *Law360* for the White Collar category in 2024, and has been named one of New York's Rising Stars by *Super Lawyers* since 2019. Sri was also named in the 2025 edition of *Lawdragon 500 X - The Next Generation* for excellence in Litigation and White Collar.

Prior to joining Cohen & Gresser, Sri was an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton.

Sri is a graduate of Yale Law School, where she served as submissions editor of the *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*, and community & outreach chair of Yale Law Women. She received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Brandeis University, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served as editor-in-chief of one of the campus newspapers.

Commercial Litigation

Represented an investment management firm in complex, multi-jurisdictional litigations involving claims of fraudulent conveyance, successor liability, breach of fiduciary duty, contractual breaches, and alleged violations of the Uniform Commercial Code, brought by minority investors and a significant judgment creditor.

Represented an investment management firm in a complex commercial dispute arising from a swap agreement with a multinational investment bank.

Defended a major payment processing company in a class action alleging consumer fraud and violations of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act regarding prepaid gift cards, securing the plaintiff's withdrawal of his EFTA claim, with the case raising novel issues about a licensor's liability for alleged omissions by a product's manufacturer and marketer.

Represented a commercial landlord in proceeding to evict hotel tenant for non-payment of rent, resulting in a successful settlement.

White Collar, Regulatory, and Internal Investigations

Represented the former CEO of cryptocurrency exchange from his arrest through trial, navigating unique challenges like complex fraud charges, fast-paced proceedings, and millions of documents, while securing a dismissal of state administrative proceeding and leading a successful pre-trial motion that resulted in the dismissal of certain charges.

Represented a multi-national conglomerate in a joint DOJ/SEC investigation involving FCPA violations, conducting an internal investigation and making presentations to U.S. authorities, ultimately securing a favorable result with the SEC settlement and DOJ closure without further action, while addressing novel legal issues related to the FCPA's scope and personal jurisdiction.

Represented the former CFO of a multinational insurance provider in an SEC investigation into the company's accounting practices and internal controls, navigating complex issues and securing a settlement without any admission of wrongdoing.

Represented the former CFO of a biopharmaceutical company in civil securities fraud litigation brought by the SEC, addressing complex accounting issues and ultimately securing a settlement without the client admitting any wrongdoing.

Represented a senior engineer at a multinational communications technology company in investigations by multiple U.S. Attorney's Offices and the SEC, involving complex issues of customer privacy, data security, and the company's relationship with foreign actors, with no formal enforcement action taken against the client.

Employment Counseling

Represented the CEO of a biopharmaceutical company in connection with an audit committee investigation and negotiation of favorable terms of separation from the company.

Represented the CEO of technology company in board investigation into compliance with company policies regarding expenditures.

Activities and Affiliations

Member, Women's White Collar Defense Association (Programming Committee Member)

Member, Bar Association of San Francisco