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Sarah K. Eddy is a partner in the Litigation Department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Her practice focuses on representing organizations, directors, and officers in civil litigation, at trial, on appeal, and in regulatory and white-collar criminal matters.

Recent public matters include a trial victory for OpenAI and its leadership against Elon Musk in California; trial victories for Encompass Health Corporation and Enhabit Home Health & Hospice in Delaware and Texas; representing Coinbase in its landmark litigation against the Securities and Exchange Commission; and Delaware litigation that held Mr. Musk to the original terms of his \$44 billion agreement to purchase the company formerly known as Twitter.

Before joining the firm, Sarah was Chief of Appeals for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where she began her tenure in November 2009. Before becoming Chief of Appeals, Sarah was Co-Chief of the Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Unit, and served as a trial attorney in the Securities and Commodities Fraud Unit and the Complex Frauds and Cybercrime Unit. She conducted some of the Office's most significant investigations of corporate misconduct; tried a number of securities, insurance, and tax fraud cases before federal juries; and argued numerous appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Sarah received a B.A. in History from Queens University in Ontario. She read law as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, earning a B.A. in Law (First Class) and a B.C.L. (Distinction). She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, graduating first in her class.

Early in her career, Sarah served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Honorable John M. Walker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court. Sarah is ranked in *Chambers USA* and recognized by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 leading lawyers in the United States. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Office of the Appellate Defender.

Clerkships

Justice John Paul Stevens, Supreme Court of the United States, 2005–2006

Honorable John M. Walker, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2003–2004

Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2002–2003

Recent Publications

[Risk Management and the Board of Directors](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, September 25, 2025.

[White-Collar and Regulatory Enforcement: What Mattered in 2024 and What to Expect in 2025](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, February 5, 2025 and [NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement](#), February 28, 2025.

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[Risk Management and the Board of Directors](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, September 30, 2023.

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