



Yelena Rapoport

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Education

- Emory University School of Law (J.D., with honors)
- Cornell University (B.A., Economics)

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

Yelena has extensive experience representing corporate and private clients before state and federal courts, in arbitration and mediation proceedings, and before administrative agencies. Yelena has defended some of the nation's largest law firms against malpractice, fraud, and other professional-liability claims. Additionally, Yelena represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in all aspects of trust and estate litigation, including contested probate and administration proceedings and complex trust disputes.

In addition to being a litigator, Yelena volunteers as an arbitrator in the Kings County Small Claims Court.

Prior to joining Elman Freiberg, Yelena worked at Matalon Shweky Elman and at Ropes & Gray LLP.

In her free time, Yelena enjoys finding fresh mountain air and has recently taken up skiing.

Selected Experience:

- On behalf of a global law firm, secured the dismissal of a legal-malpractice claim that arose out of a loan litigation.
- Represented a surviving spouse in contested probate and turnover proceedings.
- Represented an administrator in a complex multi-jurisdictional estate dispute.
- Defended a medical device company and its employees in several lawsuits and in an arbitration involving breach of restrictive covenants, unfair competition, and related business claims.
- Represented beneficiaries in an Article 81 guardianship proceeding.
- Defended a media company against employment discrimination claims before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- Represented a beneficiary of IRA accounts in a dispute with a financial-advisor firm.
- Served as lead counsel in a FINRA arbitration that resulted in a complete victory for client.
- Defended a large national law firm against a multi-million-dollar malpractice claim in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and in a successful mediation.