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Kelechi is an associate in the New York office. Her practice focuses on dispute resolution, complex commercial litigation, and internal investigations.

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## BACKGROUND

Kelechi received her dual B.B.A. in International Business and Marketing from George Washington University in 2010. She received her J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law in 2015 where she was a finalist in the school's Client Counselling Competition and Negotiation Competition. During law school, Kelechi was Lead Articles Editor of the Midwest Journal of Law & Policy, and worked with the Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau of the New York State Office of the Attorney General.

During law school, Kelechi served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Carol E. Jackson, U.S.D.J in the Eastern District of Missouri during the Summer of 2013. She also served as a judicial intern with the Honorable Stephen C. Williams, U.S.D.J. in the Southern District of Illinois in the Fall of 2014. Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills, Kelechi served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Marcia G. Cooke, U.S.D.J. in the Southern District of Florida.

Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills, Kelechi was an associate at a large law firm in New York. She is proficient in Spanish.

# KEY SECTORS

## Corporate Crime and Investigations

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### EXPERIENCE

Kelechi's practice focuses on dispute resolution, complex commercial litigation, and internal investigations. Kelechi has successfully represented leading companies at every stage of litigation in complex commercial disputes in both state and federal courts.

Kelechi's experience includes:

- representing a large hedge fund in securities litigation involving state and federal RICO claims.\*
- representing a real estate development company in a lawsuit by a joint venture partner.\*
- representing an owner of Aman Resorts, a large luxury hotel group in a dispute related to the acquisition of the company.\*
- representing a Chinese global provider of security camera system in a patent litigation matter.\*
- serving as secondment counsel to a large German bank in connection with U.S. RMBS and Libor litigation.\*

\*Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills.

### ADMISSIONS

- New York State
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- Florida State