

Rising Star: Kelley Drye's Brooke Ringel

Law360, New York (August 7, 2017, 4:15 PM EDT) -- Kelley Drye & Warren LLP's Brooke Ringel served as lead associate on cold-rolled and hot-rolled steel final investigations at the International Trade Commission and as lead attorney in Department of Commerce countervailing duty investigations, placing her among four international trade attorneys under 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

THE BIGGEST CASES OF HER CAREER:

Last summer, three cold-rolled steel, hot-rolled steel and corrosion-resistant steel anti-dumping and countervailing duty cases fell on top of each other, each involving multiple countries, Ringel said. The Kelley Drye team, along with other firms, had filed petitions back-to-back the previous year, she said, and had a reasonable expectation about how the investigations would play out.

Some of the Commerce investigations were expedited for a variety of reasons, which in turn meant that the final investigations at the ITC overlapped in 2016, she said. As such, they had simultaneous briefing schedules in all three cases, Ringel had to immerse herself in three databases to digest and analyze massive amounts of data, and they also had back-to-back hearings, where they prepared industry witnesses, according to Ringel.

"It was a lot of work all at one time over the course of a couple of months," Ringel said. "But we have a great team here. Everyone pitched in and that led to a successful result in all three cases."

HER PROUDEST MOMENT AS AN ATTORNEY:

Ringel was recently put in charge of the firm's petition preparation in a case on cut-to-length plate involving a dozen countries, which was one of the largest cases filed in Kelley Drye's history.

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Brooke Ringel
Kelley Drye

Age: 35

Home base: Washington, D.C.

Position: Senior associate

Law school: George Washington University Law School

First job after law school: Special assistant attorney general at the civil litigation division of the D.C. attorney general's office

While working with several other firms on the case, Ringel was responsible for managing Kelley Drye's internal work, coordinating with multiple client companies and following that through the entire case management process, as well as coordinating with the other law firms.

"That was a huge undertaking that resulted in a successful outcome in all the cases," Ringel said.

WHAT MOTIVATES HER:

Ringel said she and the other international trade attorneys at Kelley Drye primarily represent domestic producers facing unfair imports, which solicit the firm's help when they're up against challenges in the market and suffering under terrible financial conditions.

"We bring cases on their behalf and defend current trade orders so that they can continue manufacturing in the United States," Ringel said. "There's a really defined benefit to the work that we do, and it helps domestic producers stay in business in the United States."

WHY SHE IS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ATTORNEY:

Ringel studied foreign policy and Russian history in college, spending a semester in Moscow, and has always had a passion for international affairs, she said.

"International trade attracted me because it's a really fascinating intersection between policy and business," Ringel said.

She works in a space in which law, regulations and foreign policy all affect how clients are making decisions on a daily basis, she said, noting that those laws and policies affect how big and small companies decide to conduct business across borders.

"For me, it's this great confluence of international affairs and foreign policy with the real world, essentially," she said.

— *As told to Kelly Knaub*

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