

# Barbara Hoey, Prominent Employment Lawyer, Returns to Kelley Drye

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Kelley Drye announced that [Barbara Hoey](#) has rejoined the firm as chair of the Labor and Employment practice. She had been with Kelley Drye for twenty years prior to departing in 2010 for another law firm.

"We are delighted to welcome Barbara back," said [Jim Kirk](#), managing partner of Kelley Drye. "She has a track record of success in representing her clients and will be a critical part of the firm's plans to expand its labor and employment law practice." Added [Rob Steiner](#), the managing partner of Kelley Drye's New York office, "We are pleased that Barbara has chosen to return to the firm. She is an outstanding trial lawyer, trusted counselor to clients, and friend. Kelley Drye's clients, many of whom already know her, will benefit greatly from her addition to the firm."

Barbara has more than two decades of experience counseling management in all areas of labor and employment law. She has defended employers in single-plaintiff and class action litigation and has won more than a dozen jury and bench trials involving claims arising under Title VII, the Fair Labor Standards Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, False Claims Act, New York State Whistleblower Law, Family Medical Leave Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Barbara said she is looking forward to working with lawyers she has known for years and with the many lateral partners Kelley Drye has recently brought on to pursue the firm's growth strategy. "It's a wonderful opportunity," she said. "I am excited to work with my partners to help realize the firm's vision for increasing its capabilities in labor and employment law, where it has been a leader for so many years."

Barbara received her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, *cum laude* and her B.A. from University at Albany, SUNY, *magna cum laude*. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York.