

Leila Bham

Leila Bham serves as Special Counsel in the Office of Chief Counsel of the Division of Trading and Markets, at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. She currently leads part of the team implementing Title III of the JOBS Act, which requires the SEC to issue rules to permit securities-based crowdfunding. Since joining the SEC in 2010, she has also advised on initiatives under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and is a recipient of the SEC's Law and Policy Award. Before joining the SEC, she provided legal counsel to the World Bank's Financial Market Integrity Unit. Ms. Bham began her career in London, England, where for eight years she practiced as an associate and senior associate at the law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, advising on global capital raisings by issuers based in Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia.

Since 2010, Ms. Bham has served as Vice Chair of the Committee on Small and Emerging Business of the D.C. Bar's Corporation, Finance and Securities Law Section, and has also been active with the New York State Bar and American Bar Associations. She is qualified to practice in New York, the District of Columbia, England and Wales, and before the U.S. Supreme Court. She holds an A.B. degree from Harvard University, and a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Douglas S. Ellenoff, a member of Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP since its founding in 1992, is a corporate and securities attorney with a specialty in business transactions and corporate financings. Mr. Ellenoff has represented public companies in connection with their initial public offerings, secondary public offerings, regulatory compliance as well as general corporate governance matters. During his career, he has represented numerous broker-dealers, venture capital investor groups and many corporations involved in the capital formation process.

Recognized as a thought leader and expert on the nuanced legalities of the JOBS Act, Mr. Ellenoff, speaks prolifically at conferences and events. He's been a key representative and advocate for the industry and has actively engaged with the SEC to discuss many aspects of the proposed new law. Ellenoff Grossman & Schole is the leading law firm serving the security crowdfunding industry. The Firm has sponsored conferences, webinars and has been invited to speak at different events on the topic. Mr. Ellenoff has met with the SEC several times to discuss many aspects of the new law, how the industry currently operates and how both the SEC and FINRA will register and regulate the portals. EG&S is actively engaged with clients in the crowdfunding industry, including funding portals, broker-dealers, technology solution providers, software developers, investors and entrepreneurs.

Azish Filabi

Ms. Azish Filabi is an Ethics Officer and Assistant Vice President in the Legal Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY). In her current role, she advises and manages FRBNY bank examiners' conflicts of interest and compliance with the Code of Conduct. Previously at FRBNY, she worked as a bank regulatory lawyer advising on the Bank Holding Company Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. She also worked as a corporate lawyer at the New York City office of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, LLP. She currently serves as the co-chair of the New York State Bar Association, International Section Microfinance and Financial Inclusion Committee, a committee she helped create in 2012. From 2009-2011, Ms. Filabi was Chair of the ACCION USA Microfinance Council, a young professional group that contributes to the sustainability of ACCION East by providing strategic advice and assistance, and advocating for microfinance. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Persian Arts Festival, a nonprofit organization based in New York that supports and showcases Iranian arts and culture.

Ms. Filabi has a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, an M.A. in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and a B.A. as an Echols Scholar from the University of Virginia.



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Jay L. Hack is a partner in the firm of Gallet Dreyer & Berkey, LLP. His primary practice focus is providing full-range legal services to banks and other financial institutions. He is the leader of the firm's financial institutions practice. The firm's broad-based financial institutions practice runs the gamut, from acting as issuer's counsel in financial institution public offerings to assisting in developing compliance programs and helping banks address examination report criticisms. He assists banks in developing retail banking documentation that satisfies federal and state consumer regulations or commercial needs. He also supervises the firm's commercial mortgage lending practice, representing financial institutions in making, administering and collecting loans.

Bar Admissions

- New York, 1977
- U.S. District Court, Southern District and Eastern District of New York

Education

- Boston University School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*, 1976
 - > Boston University Law Review: Member (1974-75) Editor (1975-76)
- University of Michigan, A.B. with honors, 1973
 - > Major: Psychology (*high honors*)

Published Works

Tugboats, Glaucoma and the Check Collection Process, NY Business Law Journal, Fall 2008.

Trust Preferred Securities, Community Bank Notes, the magazine of the Independent Bankers Association of New York State, March/April 2005.

Declarations Against Penal Interest - Standards of Admissibility in an Emerging Majority Rule, 56 Boston University Law Review 148 (1976), quoted by the United States Supreme Court in *Williamson v. United States*, 512 US 594, 617 (1994) (Kennedy, J., concurring); also cited by United States Courts of Appeals for the first, third and fifth circuits, the Court of Military Appeals and the Supreme Courts in the states of California, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina and Wisconsin.

Professional Associations and Memberships

- New York State Bar Association
 - Chair: Business Law Section
 - Member: Banking Law Committee and Securities Regulation Committee



Kiran Lingam, Esq.
General Counsel, SeedInvest

Kiran is General Counsel at [SeedInvest](#), a leading equity crowdfunding technology platform. SeedInvest helps angel groups, incubators, private funds and industry groups power their own private funding platforms in compliance with the new and developing regulatory landscape.

Prior to SeedInvest, Kiran worked at a corporate and securities attorney at the law firms of Jones Day and DLA Piper LLP, where he served as outside legal counsel to venture capital and private equity funds, angel groups and over 30 technology startups. He has seen first-hand the struggles encountered by early stage entrepreneurs and believes strongly that many more startups would be successful with additional avenues for early stage capital.

Community:

Board of Directors, TiE New York
Founder and Chairman, TiE Angels New York
Equity Crowdfunding Instructor, General Assembly
South Asian Bar Association

Education:

Cornell University, B.A.
University of Georgia, J.D., with honors

Admissions:

Georgia, 2006
New York, 2011

Speaking Engagements:

Panelist: *CROWDFUNDING — New SEC Rules-Financing Small Business and Entertainment*, New York City Bar, December 2, 2013

Moderator: *Accredited Investor Crowdfunding: New Rules Mean Big Opportunity*, TiE New York, October 23, 2013

Instructor: *What every Entrepreneur needs to know about the JOBS Act and General Solicitation*, General Assembly Webcast, August 2013

Panelist: *Reg D Offerings Online*, Crowdfunding Professionals Association (CfPA) Annual Conference, August 2013

Moderator: *Legal issues every startup should consider*, The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) - New York, April 2012

Moderator: *Financing your startup with Equity Crowdfunding*, The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) - New York, December 2012

Panelist: *Equity Crowdfunding Friday Speaker Series*, theAlley NYC, February 2013

Instructor: *Startup Crowdfunding, What You Need to Know Now*, General Assembly, August 2012

Publications:

White Paper, [*Living with the New Reg D and its impact on Demo Days and Pitch Events Best Practices for Incubators, Angel Groups and Pitch Events*](#), September 23, 2013.

SEC Comment Letter: [*Crowdfunding Holding Companies*](#), May 1, 2012

SEC Comment Letter: [*Integration of Crowdfunding and Reg D Offerings*](#), April 24, 2012

SEC Comment Letter: [*Crowdfunding Portal Compensation*](#), April 11, 2012

[*The Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act – Important New Legislation Significantly Eases Capital-Raising Regulation and Reporting Requirements*](#), April 3, 2012

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Experience

Georgia P. Quinn is an associate in the New York office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. She is a member of the firm's Securities and Mergers & Acquisitions practice groups and a specialist in Crowdfunding. Ms. Quinn represents public and private companies and investment banks in a wide range of capital markets transactions, including registered offerings and private placements of debt, equity, and hybrid securities.

Ms. Quinn has recently presented a webinar, participated in public speaking engagements and authored publications on the SEC's proposed Crowdfunding regulations. In addition, she has significant negotiation and transactional experience and has worked on mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations. Ms. Quinn also advises clients in connection with SEC and FINRA compliance and reporting obligations, including preparation and filing of 10-K/Qs, 8-Ks, and proxy materials.

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School (2007)
Moot Court Student Editor

B.F.A., New York University, Tisch School of the Arts (2002)

Admissions

New York