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Services

Complex Commercial Litigation > Litigation > Securities Litigation/Enforcement >
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As assistant general counsel, Sheku Sheikholeslami works closely with Dechert's general counsel and the firm's attorneys and personnel to create and implement risk management and compliance procedures, resolve conflicts of interest, advise on issues involving firm policies and internal controls, handle professional responsibility matters, and draft and negotiate commercial contracts and policies.

Ms. Sheikholeslami was previously an associate in the white collar, securities, and complex commercial litigation group. She also has substantial experience in pro bono work, including the representation of plaintiffs in prisoner civil rights actions and of petitioners in habeas corpus proceedings in federal courts.

Ms. Sheikholeslami joined Dechert after a two-year clerkship for the Honorable James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Prior to law school, she provided legal assistance to asylum seekers and refugees through her work at Human Rights First in New York and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in Vienna, Austria.

EXPERIENCE

- Representation of **a major international financial institution** in a False Claims Act action brought by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Representation of **a large creditor of a foreign sovereign** in judgment enforcement proceedings in sovereign debt actions.
- Representation of **the former controller of AIG** in a securities fraud action.
- Defense of **private equity funds that invested in municipal bonds and financed healthcare facilities and low-income housing projects**, in complex commercial contract and business tort actions, leading to favorable summary judgment outcomes and settlement.
- Defense of **an individual in an action for punitive sanctions** arising out of bankruptcy proceedings.

Includes matters handled at Dechert or prior to joining the firm.

EDUCATION

- Vassar College, B.A., 1999, Phi Beta Kappa, General and Departmental Honors
- American University Washington College of Law, J.D., 2006, *summa cum laude*, Order of the Coif, Recipient of the Public Interest/Public Service Scholarship, Senior Staff Member of the *American University Law Review*, Senior Articles Editor of *The Human Rights Brief*

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES

- French
- German
- Moroccan Arabic

CLERKSHIPS

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Honorable James T. Giles