

**STEVEN M. FARINA, PARTNER**

Steven Farina has extensive experience in the areas of complex civil litigation, class actions, SEC investigations, professional liability defense, and financial services litigation.

Mr. Farina has defended issuers, underwriters, accounting firms, and corporate officers and directors in securities litigation brought under the 1933 Securities Act and the 1934 Securities Exchange Act. He also has represented issuers, accounting firms, corporate officers and directors, and other individuals (including lawyers and accountants) in SEC investigations.

Mr. Farina represented Richard Grasso in his successful fight with the New York Attorney General over Mr. Grasso's compensation from the New York Stock Exchange. After more than four years of contentious litigation, all of the claims against Mr. Grasso were dismissed by the New York appellate courts.

Mr. Farina has represented national accounting firms and their partners in more than two dozen matters, including work for two of the "Big Four" firms. Mr. Farina currently represents a Big Four accounting firm in derivative litigation arising out of one of the largest corporate frauds in history.

Mr. Farina has defended corporations, professional firms, venture capital firms, investment banks, and individuals in a variety of other complex civil matters, including commercial litigation and bankruptcy litigation.

Mr. Farina practices in state and federal courts throughout the country.

**GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

- Law Clerk, Judge Amalya L. Kearse, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1991-1992



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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- First Amendment and Media
- General Civil Litigation
- Product Liability, Torts, and Medicine
- Professional Liability Defense
- Securities and Financial Services Litigation

**EDUCATION AND HONORS**

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1991; Order of the Coif; Book Review Editor, *Michigan Law Review*
- Duke University, A.B., *cum laude*, 1988

**BAR AND COURT****ADMISSIONS**

- District of Columbia and Illinois
- United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fifth, and Tenth Circuits
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia