



The Honorable Judith Kaye Commercial & Federal Litigation Scholarship **APPLICATION**

The Commercial and Federal Litigation Section is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2026 **Honorable Judith Kaye Commercial and Federal Litigation Scholarship**, which has been established by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section (ComFed) of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). The scholarship(s) will be awarded to up to five female litigators and will cover the cost of their registration for a future session of the Commercial Litigation Academy.

The Judith K. Scholarship seeks to empower and prepare women to assume first-chair roles in high-stakes commercial litigation, helping to strengthen the next generation of trial leaders. The Commercial Litigation Academy is sponsored by the NYSBA ComFed Section. The “Kaye Scholars” also will be invited to attend the Section’s Wednesday, January 20, 2027 Annual Conference and Gala Luncheon to be held at the Hilton Midtown in New York City.

Each “Kaye Scholar” will be presented with her award in the Fall of 2026, during ComFed’s Taking the Lead Program, to take place on Monday, November 9, 2026 in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Southern District of New York in conjunction with the presentation of the Shira A. Scheindlin Award for Excellence in the Courtroom to female litigators who have had distinguished careers in the courtroom in either the Federal or State Courts in New York and who have shown a commitment to mentoring young attorneys.

Eligibility:

Women attorneys who have practiced commercial litigation between two and ten years since their admission to the New York State Bar and who remain in good standing. In addition, recipients must be able to attend the Taking the Lead program referenced above when the scholarships will be awarded.

Scholarship

The scholarship will cover the registration fee for each recipient to attend the 2027 Commercial Litigation Academy.

Recipients of the Kaye Scholarship will be based on the following factors:

- Content of letter
- Quality of written expression
- Work and other experience
- Any other relevant factors



October 9, 2026

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Date graduated from law school: _____

Date admitted to the New York State Bar: _____

Length of time in the practice of law in years and months since admission to the New York State Bar: _____

Scholarship Application Requirement:

To apply, please submit the following:

1. A letter (no more than two pages) stating why you should be selected as a Kaye Scholar and how receiving this scholarship would benefit your career.
2. A current resume.

Application Deadline:

All materials must be submitted by email no later than October 9, 2026.

Email submissions should be sent to:

Maryann C. Stallone at mstallone@thsh.com and Amanda Grannis at agrannis@thsh.com

Please contact Maryann C. Stallone of the Commercial & Federal Litigation Section with any questions at mstallone@thsh.com.