



# MARY KATHRYN ROBERTS

## Practice Areas

Technology & Emerging Growth Companies

Insurance and Reinsurance Law

Health Care Law

Governmental Affairs

Financial Services

Cannabis Law

## Areas of Emphasis

State Government

Legislative

Regulatory

Administrative

## Overview

Although Mary Kay Roberts' practice is closely focused on the complex world of government affairs, she likes to keep it simple. "I help my clients get things done in Trenton," she says.

She works with a broad range of industries, including pharmaceuticals, banking, insurance, education, technology, telecommunications, utilities, and also a recently formed coalition of the state's blood banks. "I may have 10 different piles on my desk, representing the issues I work on in a particular



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day," says Mary Kay. "Our practice is broad. But we keep our client base small - around 20 - so we can pay attention to each client's particular needs."

Both a lawyer and a lobbyist, Mary Kay also manages the firm's Trenton office. "Riker Danzig is unique in the state," she says. "We are a full-service law firm with a very strong government affairs practice in Trenton. I do not know of any firm in the state that has the presence, history and reputation that we do. We are able to offer the firm's clients the added component of lobbying services at all levels of government in the state."

Mary Kay is counsel to the New Jersey Bankers Association, a trade association of large and small commercial banks in the state, which serves as an advocate and voice for the needs and goals of the banking industry. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Banking Law Section of the New Jersey Bar, where she chairs the Section's Legislative Committee.

Earlier in 2018, Mary Kay was honored with the Mary Philbrook Award by the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey at the Passion, Power, Progress Awards event in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The award is presented to a woman with a distinguished legal career "during which she has removed barriers and created opportunities for other women in the interest of advancing equality in all spheres."

In 2005, she was nominated Vice Chair of the Health Care Administration Board, an 11-member panel that advises the Commissioner of Health on regulation and health care policy.

Prior to joining Riker Danzig, Mary Kay was the chief of staff and legislative liaison to the New Jersey Department of Banking under Gov. Florio. In addition, she was Judicial Law Clerk to Hon. L. Anthony Gibson, J.S.C., Chancery Division in Atlantic and Cape May Counties. Raised in New Jersey, Mary Kay has long been involved with local government affairs.

Thomson Reuters has included Mary Kay on the New Jersey Super Lawyers list for Governmental Relations since 2006. *Best Lawyers in America*®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers, has also listed her in the field of

Governmental Relations since 2008. Additionally, in 2012 and again for 2018, Mary Kay was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Government Relations in the Princeton/Trenton region by *Best Lawyers*, an honor given annually to a single governmental affairs attorney in the Princeton/Trenton area. She was also recently named one of the Power 50 in Banking by *NJBIZ Magazine*. See [Awards and Honors Methodology](#).

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Mary Kay is a former member of the Women Presidents' Organization, which is designed to improve business conditions for women entrepreneurs and to promote the acceptance and advancement of women entrepreneurs in all industries.

A frequent speaker to the New Jersey Bankers Association on topics such as foreclosures, predatory lending, the Sarbanes Oxley Act and consumer lending, Mary Kay has also written for *New Jersey Bankers Magazine* on the USA Patriot Act. She is also the author of "Ensuring Coverage, Balance, Openness and Ethical Conduct for Advisory Committee Members Under the Advisory Committee Act" (5 *Administrative Law Journal*, 1991).

## Education

American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., 1991

Boston College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1988

## Bar Admissions

New Jersey

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

## Professional Activities

Member, Women Presidents Organization

Member, New Jersey State Bar Association

Vice Chair, Health Care Administration Board

Counsel, New Jersey Bankers Association

Named one of 40 lawyers under 40, *New Jersey Law Journal*

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