



Partner

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**Red Bank, NJ**

**Practice Areas**

Commercial Litigation  
Government Affairs

**Admitted**

New Jersey

New York

United States Court of Appeals for the Second  
Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Third  
Circuit

**Education**

Harvard Law School, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*  
University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts,  
*summa cum laude*

Kira S. Dabby is a partner at the firm and concentrates her practice in municipal law, redevelopment law, governmental defense litigation, and complex commercial litigation. Kira has broad litigation, trial and arbitration experience in matters of public entity liability, natural resource damages, employment discrimination, redevelopment law, defamation, fraud, and complex business disputes. Kira also advises government entities with respect to Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act compliance, leachate and solid waste management, and all aspects of public contracting.

Prior to joining Archer, Kira worked for ten years at Latham & Watkins LLP, where she defended and counseled corporate clients in the professional service, chemical, insurance and food industries. Representative clients include The Dow Chemical Company, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Union Carbide Corporation, and one of the Big 4 accounting firms. Kira had a lead role in defending one of the first natural resource damage actions to go to trial in the United States, which resulted in a complete defense victory at trial that was affirmed on appeal. At Archer, Kira continues to defend and counsel clients on natural resource damage claims, particularly with regard to contamination from downstream petroleum operations.

Kira served as a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Justice Virginia Long, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

**Representative Experience**

- Successfully obtained dismissal of defamation complaint brought against United States Congressman alleging libel and slander with respect to campaign materials.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment dismissing challenge to designation of area in need of redevelopment following 10 years of litigation and community opposition.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment dismissing multiple prisoner's rights cases against county correctional institution.
- Drafted and negotiated Redeveloper and Sub-Redeveloper Agreements for mixed-use residential and commercial redevelopment projects in Jersey City.
- Successfully obtained dismissal of complaint brought by wastewater treatment plant against County of Monmouth in connection with effluent discharged from leachate pre-treatment facility.

- Successfully appealed decision of New Jersey Economic Development Authority, resulting in biotechnology client's ability to convert \$10.9 million of net operating losses into non-dilutive capital for research and development.
- Handled overhaul of solid waste and recycling management program for largest municipality in Monmouth County and successfully defeated bid protest brought by unsuccessful bidder.
- Represented Township of Middletown in declaratory judgment action and negotiations with Fair Share Housing Center regarding affordable housing obligations under Mount Laurel doctrine.
- Currently representing County of Monmouth in connection with challenge to environmental permitting decision by NJDEP, including appeal to Office of Administrative Law.
- Currently serving as Board Attorney to the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners and advise Commissioners on all matters pertaining to Monmouth County Park System and its 17,000 acres of parkland.

### **Professional and Community Involvement**

- Trustee, Freehold Township Education Foundation
- Member, University of Pennsylvania Alumni Interview Committee

### **Awards and Recognition**

- Named "Top Attorney" for Government Law by SJ Magazine (2021)
- Named to the New Jersey Super Lawyers List as a "Rising Star" for Business Litigation. (2011, 2012, and 2013)