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Ms. Velikova is a Senior Consultant in NERA's Securities and Finance Practice. She manages projects involving analysis of economic issues in securities litigation matters.

Ms. Velikova has consulted on numerous matters involving disputes between brokerage firms and their customers concerning investments in equity, fixed income securities, and funds. She has evaluated the concentration and use of leverage of both investment portfolios and municipal closed end funds, the performance and characteristics of municipal bonds, municipal closed end funds, and municipal markets, as well as assessed damages and investment suitability.

Ms. Velikova has consulted on hundreds of securities class actions for both plaintiffs and defendants. She has examined materiality, loss causation, and liability, and estimated inflation, damages, and settlement. She has also assessed market efficiency and assisted with class certification analyses. Her experience includes cases involving accounting restatements, FDA decisions, and public offerings (Section 11 and 12 claims, mergers and acquisitions).

In other matters, Ms. Velikova has consulted on failed bank litigation, ERISA suits, SEC actions, and derivative litigation. She has calculated damages resulting from breach of contract and alleged ill-gotten gains from insider trading. Ms. Velikova also assists insurance brokers with analyses of litigation exposure under hypothetical scenarios in the context of D&O insurance coverage decisions.

Ms. Velikova has extensive knowledge of the FDA drug approval process and the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. Her broad industry expertise includes closed end funds, banking, asset management, insurance and reinsurance, oil and gas, broadband networking, and mortgage servicing. Her projects have involved companies and funds located in many geographies, including the US, Canada, China, France, and Puerto Rico.

Ms. Velikova received her MBA from IE Business School (Madrid, Spain) and her BA *summa cum laude* and with honors, in economics and Spanish from St. Lawrence University.

Education

MBA, Instituto de Empresa, Madrid

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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Financial Distress Litigation

Class Actions and Class Certification

Commercial Litigation and Damages

Consumer Financial Services

Financial Institutions and Banking

Insurance

International Arbitration

Life Sciences

Regulatory Economics

Securities and Finance

Valuation

White Collar, Investigations and Enforcement

Languages

English, Bulgarian, Spanish, Russian

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