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Kathryn C. Cole is a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., the practice group leader of the firm's commercial litigation group, a member of the firm's management committee and a founding member of its eDiscovery group. Cole's experience with commercial litigation cases — including claims related to contracts, product liability, torts, consumer and securities class-actions — spans the federal and state court systems, federal agencies, regulatory bodies, and arbitration and mediation forums.

Cole is a certified e-discovery specialist (CEDS) and the author of the firm's All About eDiscovery blog. Her judicial profiles, notes and legal commentaries can be found in *The Federal Lawyer*, *The Nassau Lawyer* and various law reviews. She has written several articles for the New York State Bar Association and conducts continuing legal education (CLE) seminars on data, cyber and electronically stored information.

Cole anticipates the legal industry will continue to become more technologically sophisticated, more open to innovation and more agile.

"This is driven by various factors including the demographic shift caused by retirements among Baby Boomers," Cole said. "With younger, more tech-savvy individuals succeeding to leadership positions, I anticipate a greater comfort with, and reliance upon technology."

"Additionally, the global pandemic caused the legal industry to accept change," Cole



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noted. "Law firms have embraced legal technology, alternative legal service providers and other novel approaches to operations. Remote work, in particular, caused many firms to embrace technological change at a more rapid pace than we would have

absent external forces. I think these changes are here to stay, and I suspect firms will be more willing to embrace technological experimentation going forward."

Cole sits on the Office of Court Administration's (OCA's) CPLR advisory committee. In 2019, she was elected as a Fellow by the New York Bar Association. In 2013, Cole was installed as the first female president of the Federal Bar Association's Eastern District of New York Chapter, in which she remains active.

Cole earned a juris doctor, magna cum laude, from St. John's University School of Law and a bachelor's degree from Colgate University.

Established in 1976, Farrell Fritz is headquartered in Uniondale, with offices in Albany, Hauppauge, New York City and Water Mill. The firm has more than 85 attorneys across 19 practice areas.

Farrell Fritz attorneys take prominent, active roles in scores of business, legal and philanthropic organizations; numerous are recognized regionally or nationally as leaders in their fields. The firm is well known for its pro bono work, board involvement, volunteer service and financial support of local community organizations.

Farrell Fritz handles legal matters in the areas of bankruptcy and restructuring; business divorce; commercial litigation; construction; corporate and finance; eDiscovery; emerging companies and venture capital; employment law; environmental law; estate litigation; healthcare; land use and zoning; New York State regulatory and government relations; not-for-profit law; real estate; tax planning and controversy; tax certiorari, and trusts and estates.