

Tyson & Mendes Makes Leadership Appointments In Northeast

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Law360 (June 29, 2026, 4:34 PM EDT) -- Insurance defense firm Tyson & Mendes LLP has named two new leaders in the Northeast, including elevating an attorney who recently led the integration of the 21-attorney Rebar Kelly LLC team to the firm.

Cathleen Kelly Rebar, who **joined** Tyson & Mendes earlier this month as a complex trial partner when Rebar Kelly joined the firm, has been named Northeast regional manager partner, the firm said Monday. Danielle Pascale was also elevated to New York and Connecticut branch office managing partner.

In her new role, Rebar will oversee the firm's Northeast region, including offices across New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Connecticut, Tyson & Mendes said. Meanwhile, Pascale will lead the firm's New York and Connecticut offices, supporting attorney development, client service and continued growth, according to the firm.

Cayce Lynch, the firm's national managing partner, told Law360 Pulse in a Monday interview that both Rebar and Pascale's care and service of others is what made them the perfect fit for these roles.

"Whether it's our clients and the work that we do in the courtroom to connect with juries, or whether it's with our own team members and the care that they take as leaders, really has made an impression on me as a professional," Lynch said. "I could not be more thrilled to put them in these new leadership positions."

Pascale said that Lynch and the firm showing that they have faith in her and that she can do this job and do it well makes her excited; she wants to prove them right.

"I'm excited about what we can do in New York, and together with Cathleen, I think that we're going to really make them proud," Pascale said. "My goal is to just do the best job that we can because we really like each other as people, and we trust each other as people, and I think that that sentiment goes up through the firm and also down to how we treat our clients and how we want to treat our attorneys working for us."

Pascale has worked at the firm since 2022, joining after a 21-year career as a prosecutor focused on child abuse, sex crimes and child homicide, she told Law360 Pulse. At the firm, she said she handles sexual assault and molestation cases both in New York and across the country.

A graduate of City University of New York School of Law, Pascale spent the first 11 years of her career with the Bronx County District Attorney's Office. She said she then moved to the Putnam County District Attorney's Office and was later invited back to the Bronx County DA's Office, where she was Deputy Bureau Chief of Child Abuse and Sex Crimes.

In her practice, Rebar defends clients in claims involving professional liability and errors and



Cathleen Kelly Rebar



Danielle Pascale

omissions, products liability, toxic tort, premise liability, security, healthcare, social services and employment practice, her firm biography states. She is also an elected Magisterial District Judge in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

"I am honored to serve as Northeast Regional Managing Partner," Rebar said in the firm's statement. "Tyson & Mendes has built something truly special, and I look forward to supporting not only our talented attorneys but our clients throughout the region as we continue growing and delivering outstanding results.

Rebar wasn't immediately available for additional comment on Monday.

Before joining Tyson & Mendes, Rebar founded Rebar Kelly in 2012, and she previously served as managing partner. She previously worked as a partner at Nelson Levine de Luca & Hamilton LLC and McCumber Daniels, her LinkedIn profile shows.

Rebar also worked at Daller Greenberg & Dietrich LLP and Reger Rizzo Kavulich & Darnall LLP earlier in her career, according to her profile.

A graduate of Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law, Rebar began her career as an assistant district attorney in the Delaware County District Attorney's Office in Pennsylvania, her profile states. She later joined the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General as a deputy attorney general.

"These are the perfect appointments for us to continue to put us in the position as leaders in the Northeast, especially when it comes to insurance defense and trial work," Lynch said. "We've been fortunate with significant growth just earlier this month in these offices and to be able to continue building on Rebar Kelly and Tyson & Mendes' success combined really sets us apart in this space."

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