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EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J.D.
(2010); cum laude; editor, *Boston University Law Review*
Emory University, B.A. (2007)

ADMISSIONS

New York
Massachusetts
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second
Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern,
Southern, and Western Districts of New
York
U.S. District Court for the District of
Massachusetts

Devon represents individuals and corporations in white collar and commercial litigation matters in both state and federal courts as well as regulatory proceedings. Focusing on white-collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement, and internal investigations, Devon takes a collaborative approach to developing legal strategies, outlining the pros and cons of every decision, and encouraging her clients to contribute their perspectives.

Devon has been involved in government investigations in a range of industries, from public affairs to health care and financial services. She has led dozens of internal investigations and defended companies and individuals in criminal and regulatory investigations, including cooperating witnesses in connection with the DOJ's investigations of FIFA and the former New York City Mayor and his political donors, and individuals charged with money laundering, robbery, and wire fraud.

Devon's practice draws on her prior experience in civil litigation related to contract, franchise, and real estate disputes. As an associate at a New York-based Global 100 law firm, she represented a franchisor against several simultaneous cases alleging violation of state wage payment laws, misclassification of franchisees as employees, and unfair and deceptive trade practices, and mediated a multimillion-dollar real estate dispute involving allegations of fraud.

An active contributor of legal scholarship, Devon has co-authored articles in the *New York Law Journal* and *BNA's Health Care Fraud Report* on the size of U.S. Supreme Court cases and enforcement trends in health care investigations, respectively. Devon has also co-authored amicus briefs on behalf of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), the US Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of International Bankers (IIB) urging the Supreme Court to review whether the bankruptcy trustee for Bernard Madoff's investment fund could claw back property from certain foreign subsequent transferees, and with the ACLU on behalf of former corrections officials supporting efforts to ensure access to medically necessary gender dysphoria treatment for transgender individuals.

An avid animal lover, Devon volunteers with various dog rescues and regularly fosters dogs from her local animal shelter.

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Experience

Represents a leading global investment bank and financial services company in connection with various regulatory investigations, including the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Defended a cooperating witness in connection with the **Department of Justice's investigation of FIFA**.

Represented an international sports marketing company and its chief executive in complex litigation, persuading a New York state judge to dismiss a civil suit against his client notwithstanding the client's prior guilty plea in federal court. *Confederacion Sudamericana De Futbol v. International Soccer Marketing, Inc.*, Dkt. No. 655619/2016 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co, Commercial Division)

Represented the former General Counsel of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in lengthy parallel SEC and state grand jury investigations into allegations of federal securities fraud and violations of New York's Martin Act; no charges filed.

Defended individuals charged with money laundering and gunpoint robbery (as Criminal Justice Act counsel).

Counseled a major financial services company in connection with various investigations by federal and state regulators.

Represented individual sales representatives of a major pharmaceutical company in a federal investigation involving allegations of off-label promotion and anti-kickback violations.

Served as part of a trial team that defended an investment adviser against charges of securities fraud throughout the course of a four-week administrative proceeding.

Activities

Professional Affiliations

- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter
- New York State Bar Association