

## Maria R. Durant

Partner

Boston

### Biography

Clients rely on Maria Durant's counsel in connection with internal corporate and government investigations, government enforcement actions, and complex civil litigation, including qui tam actions.

Maria has years of experience representing clients in the life sciences and healthcare industry, including medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers, health service organizations, and individual providers. She has also served clients in the environmental, real estate, financial services, and construction industries.

Maria recognizes the importance of sound legal advice to her clients' continued financial health and success. She partners with her clients to solve the most challenging legal issues while minimizing risk and disruption.

Previously with Collora LLP, now Hogan Lovells' Boston office, Maria has been with the firm for over 25 years with a brief sabbatical when she served as a special assistant district attorney in Massachusetts. At Collora LLP, Maria served in a variety of administrative and management roles for the firm including Associate Liaison, Hiring Partner, and Ethics Committee Chair.

Believing firmly that lawyers have a responsibility to serve the communities in which they work and live, Maria spends a fair amount of her time outside of



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### Practices

Litigation

Employment

Health Law

Medical Device Law

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### Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

Diversified Industrials

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### Areas of focus

work in service to the bar and to indigent clients.

## Representative experience

Represented medical device manufacturer in complex MDL comprising over 12,000 individual cases alleging manufacturing defects.\*

Represented global healthcare client in securing favorable jury verdict recognizing tax deduction related to corporate payments in connection with False Claims Act settlement.\*

Represented healthcare manufacturer in multiyear litigation involving complex commercial lease dispute.\*

Lead trial counsel for global environmental company in litigation alleging improprieties in contract bidding process.\*

Led internal investigation and negotiations with the Environmental Protection Agency concerning certification and branding of ENERGY STAR label on client products.\*

Represented corporate controller of telecommunications company in stock option backdating investigation.\*

Defended corporate clients in connection with False Claims Act matters in the construction and healthcare industries.\*

Represented individuals in numerous healthcare fraud, wire and mail fraud, securities fraud, money laundering, and public corruption investigations.\*

\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Awards and rankings

- Top 50 Women Attorneys in Massachusetts, *Boston Magazine*, 2017
- Top 50 Women in Massachusetts, *Super Lawyers*, 2012-2013

White Collar Crime and Fraud

Bribery and Corruption

Health Care Services

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Suffolk University Law School, cum laude, 1991

B.A., Suffolk University, cum laude, 1988

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## Memberships

Women's Bar Foundation, Emeritus Board Member, Trustee

Member, American Bar Association, New England Region White Collar Crime Section

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

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## Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

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- Criminal Defense - White Collar and Non-White Collar, *Boston's Best Lawyers*, 2011-2012
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2008-2013
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, 2004 - 2005, 2007 - 2018

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Artificial Intelligence and your business: A guide for navigating the legal, policy, commercial, and strategic challenges ahead *Hogan Lovells*