

Sara Silva

Partner

Boston

Biography

Sara Silva handles white collar criminal and complex civil litigation in state and federal courts, administrative hearings, and government investigations and enforcement actions.

Sara's clients include global companies, executives, and licensed professionals in various industries, including hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis services and products; pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing; public office; commercial fishing; and real estate development. On the government enforcement/investigations side, she defends clients against allegations of kickbacks, overbilling, fraud, false statements, and extortion. Her civil litigation work includes complex business litigation, mass tort/product liability defense, and civil fraud actions.

After graduating law school, Sara served as a law clerk to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit then joined the firm in 2001.

Sara's unique experience with sentencing policies support our policy practice and the cities, communities, and advocate groups we serve. In 2006, Sara spent four years with the Federal Public & Community Defenders' National Sentencing Resource Project as a legal research-writing specialist. She drafted comments and testimony to the U.S. Sentencing



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Practices

Investigations

Litigation

Administrative and Public Law

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Real Estate

Areas of focus

White Collar Crime and Fraud

Commercial Litigation

Commission on proposed changes to the Sentencing Guidelines; assisted with sentencing cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including coauthoring amici curiae briefs on behalf of the Federal Public and Community Defenders and the National Association of Federal Defenders in *Gall v. United States* and *Claiborne v. United States*, and traveled nationwide training attorneys on sentencing advocacy and practice.

Sara currently serves as the First Circuit representative on the Practitioners Advisory Group to the U.S. Sentencing Commission and is poised to address critical issues in these politically tense times.

Representative experience

Secured acquittal of executive charged with conspiracy to violate anti-kickback laws on pharmaceutical marketing, despite prior settlement and negative publicity.*

Represent medical device manufacturer in multi-district litigation of over 11,000 individual suits alleging manufacture of defective products and two bellwether cases.

Won trial for client convicted of serious felony, resulting in release from prison. The state later chose not to retry case and dismissed all charges.*

Awards and rankings

- Criminal Defense: White Collar, Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, 2013-2017

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., cum laude, Boston University School of Law, 1999

B.A., The Evergreen State College, 1996

Memberships

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court
