

Elizabeth Carr Pignatelli

Senior Associate

Boston

Biography

Lizzie Pignatelli represents clients in a wide range of investigations and commercial disputes, with a particular focus on the health care, financial services, education, and medical device sectors. Lizzie conducts internal investigations; defends clients in federal, state, and local criminal and civil investigations; and litigates complex cases in federal and state courts, including multidistrict litigation.

Lizzie is experienced in all phases of internal and government investigations, civil litigation, and criminal proceedings, helping clients to navigate issues arising in a broad array of subject areas, including the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, state qui tam litigation, professional licensing, financial services fraud, public corruption, and employee misconduct.

Prior to joining the firm in 2013, Lizzie represented large financial institutions and individuals in connection with regulatory investigations, complex commercial disputes, and securities actions at an international firm in New York. Before she moved to private practice, Lizzie was a law clerk for the Honorable Joseph L. Tauro of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the Honorable Michael A. Chagares of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. During law school, Lizzie interned in the Major



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Practices

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Litigation Services

Health Law

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Financial Institutions

Education

Crimes Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York.

Lizzie devotes her time pro bono to representing victims of domestic violence as a volunteer attorney for the Women's Bar Foundation, where she also serves on the Board of Trustees.

Representative experience

Represented pharmaceutical sales representatives and executives in grand jury investigation regarding alleged kickbacks, off-label marketing, and prior authorization fraud.*

Obtained downward departure over government objection at sentencing of client convicted of wire fraud.*

Obtained preliminary injunction against former high-level employees of telecommunications company based on breach of non-compete agreements.*

Negotiating favorable settlements for medical device company in connection with multiple Medicare fraud investigations.

Conducted internal investigations of alleged sexual misconduct by faculty members for multiple private schools.*

Part of defense team representing medical device company in multi-district litigation comprised of over 12,000 individual lawsuits alleging manufacture of defective products.

Represented institutional trading network in investigation by Securities Enforcement Commission regarding potential violations of securities regulations.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

■ Massachusetts Women's Edition – Rising Stars

Areas of focus

Medical Devices

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Cornell Law School, magna cum laude, 2009

B.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, highest honors, 2005

Memberships

Boston Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Women's Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

New York

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Super Lawyers*, 2019

- Massachusetts Rising Stars 2019 Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Super Lawyers*, 2019
- Up & Coming Lawyer, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, 2018
- Rising Star, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, 2015 - 2018

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 - Hogan Lovells senior associate Elizabeth Carr Pignatelli recognized as an Up & Coming Lawyer by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly