

Elizabeth Carr Pignatelli

Counsel

Boston

Biography

Lizzie Pignatelli advises companies and their executives in connection with criminal, civil, and regulatory enforcement actions, sensitive internal investigations, and complex civil litigation, with a particular focus on the health care, life sciences, and education sectors.

Lizzie brings a strategic and practical approach to helping clients navigate the complexities of civil and criminal fraud, kickback, and false statement investigations, and related False Claims Act matters. Recognizing the value that her enforcement experience and industry knowledge bring to all matters, Lizzie's clients also seek her counsel in complex civil litigation, ranging from contract disputes to mass tort products liability actions. In addition, Lizzie is a trusted adviser to numerous secondary schools and universities, regularly engaged to perform internal investigations of employee misconduct and other sensitive matters.

Early in her career, Lizzie served as a law clerk to 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.

Committed to the communities in which she works and lives, Lizzie serves on the Board of Trustees of the Women's Bar Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides legal services to domestic violence survivors and their children. Throughout her career, Lizzie has also dedicated significant time to pro bono representation of indigent clients in a variety of



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Practices

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Commercial Litigation

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Financial Institutions

Education

Areas of focus

Medical Devices

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Bribery and Corruption

Government Investigations

matters, including asylum proceedings, family court matters, court-appointed criminal defense, and civil rights litigation.

Representative experience

Represented pharmaceutical and health care executives in grand jury investigations regarding alleged kickbacks, off-label marketing, and prior authorization fraud.*

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

Negotiated 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 secondary schools and universities.

Represented medical device manufacturer in all aspects of 12,000 product liability MDL including key roles in discovery strategy, dispositive motion practice, bellwether trials, and global settlement.

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

Defended multiple corporate clients in connection with internal and government investigations related to False Claims Act matters in the health care industry.

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Women's Edition – Rising Star, Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2016-2020
- Up & Coming Lawyer, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, 2018
- Rising Star, Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2015-2020

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

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

Women's Bar Foundation, member of the Board of Trustees

Women's White Collar Defense 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

Latest thinking and events

■ Press Releases

- Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts and Hogan Lovells file lawsuit on behalf of individuals harmed by campaign of violence

■ Awards and Rankings

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