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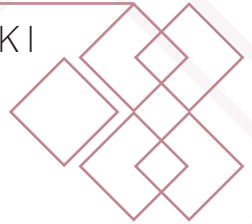
#### PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

**Courtney Saleski** is national co-chair of DLA Piper's white-collar practice and an experienced trial and appellate lawyer. She focuses her practice on investigations, criminal and government-related litigation, government enforcement actions and appeals. She has successfully resolved internal and government investigations for clients and successfully represented companies and individuals in a wide range of criminal, civil and enforcement matters at both the trial and appellate level. Prior to joining DLA Piper, she was a federal prosecutor. Earlier in her career, she clerked for the Honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States.



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**Q&A WITH COURTNEY GILLIGAN SALESKI****What do you consider to be your major career achievements?**

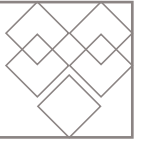
◆ My major career achievements include serving as a law clerk on the Supreme Court, as an assistant US attorney, as national co-chair of DLA Piper's white-collar group, and raising four children along the way. I am proud to provide an example for younger lawyers that it is possible to have a big family and a successful law practice. DLA's clients are among the best in the world at what they do. I am proud that they seek my legal and strategic advice that draws on my experience in high-stakes investigations and litigation. Part of that experience is that I served as federal prosecutor, where I prosecuted thousands of cases. An invaluable experience there was a day when I argued an appeal before the DC Circuit in the morning and then, in the afternoon, delivered a closing argument in DC Superior Court.

**Reflecting on your area of expertise, how do you see this sphere of the market shaping up over the coming months? Are any exciting trends or developments on the horizon?**

◆ I have no doubt that we will see increased prosecutions relating to fraud on the US government and corruption. For example, I expect we will see increased False Claims Act (FCA) enforcement. In 2020, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) had its lowest FCA recoveries in years. I frequently advise clients on and handle investigations and litigations related to the FCA. In 2021, businesses can expect that the DOJ will focus on, among other alleged frauds, misuse of government coronavirus (COVID-19) stimulus monies. Likewise, the DOJ and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will increase enforcement related to foreign corruption, with an emphasis on cooperation and self-reporting. I also frequently advise clients on FCPA issues and related self-reporting decisions, which can be complicated.

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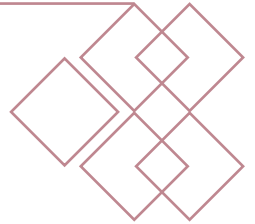
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Our global footprint has allowed me to efficiently handle international investigations for clients.

**What strengths and characteristics do you, your team and your firm strive to demonstrate to clients?**

◆ My team, the firm and I strive to demonstrate our partnership with our clients, our superior legal knowledge and skill, and our compassion and commitment to our global communities. Our clients – big and small – want a one-stop shop from us and want us to help them resolve their most difficult legal problems. Clients frequently come to me, at times in the midst of a crisis and at times prophylactically; in both circumstances, my team responds with calm and steadiness. I had a global client who in recent months has been the victim of multiple redirections of funds and product. The client's team turned to us to help them quickly and calmly get a handle on these problems and remedy them. And that is exactly what we did. The client ultimately saw that the issues had been contained and could report that positive news to the company's audit committee. ■



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**REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS**

- ◆ Represented a global pharmaceutical company in an FCA litigation in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- ◆ Represented a global medical device company in a Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)-related investigation by the SEC.
- ◆ Represented an individual indicted in the District of Baltimore on corruption and fraud charges relating to procurement of IT contracts from the state.
- ◆ Represented an individual indicted in a Southern District of New York prosecution for wire fraud and corruption charges relating to procurement of building contracts from the state.
- ◆ Represented a defence contractor in an internal investigation into allegations of FCA violations.
- ◆ Represented a pharmacy benefits manager in an internal investigation into allegations of FCA violations.
- ◆ Represented a payday loan company and executive in an investigation by the DOJ and New York attorney general into allegations of violations of federal and state law.

