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SERVICES

Appellate
Securities Litigation
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White Collar and Government
Enforcement
Cybersecurity and Privacy
Consumer Financial Services
Litigation
Congressional Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Health Care
Financial Services
Higher Education

Nancy DePodesta is a highly acclaimed trial lawyer with substantial experience handling trials in the federal district courts and arguments to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She has also overseen numerous investigations at the state and federal level, involving regulatory agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Labor, and Securities and Exchange Commission, and has handled internal investigations for corporate clients.

With extensive experience in a broad array of subject matters, including securities fraud, tax fraud, health care fraud, bankruptcy fraud, corporate fraud, bribery and corruption, racketeering, and narcotics conspiracies, Nancy focuses her practice on white collar criminal defense. An adept and hands-on manager, she has led teams of in-house attorneys and outside counsel in handling complex litigation and investigative matters. She also serves as co-chair of the Firm's White Collar and Government Enforcement Practice.

Prior to joining the firm, Nancy served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and as legal counsel for the Illinois Department of Corrections.

EXPERIENCE

Health Care

- Representing a physician before the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and United States Drug Enforcement Agency relating to alleged violations of the Illinois Medical Practice Act stemming from the prescription of opioids and other controlled substances.
- Represented a nursing director and marketing consultant, employed by different home health care agencies, in investigations and a prosecution of health care fraud alleging kickbacks and bribes were paid in exchange for referrals.
- Counseled multiple home health care agencies in qui tam actions and investigations alleging violations of the False Claims Act stemming from claims being submitted to Medicare and Medicaid for services performed and billed.

SEC and Tax Issues

- Defended a businesswoman on charges involving a \$1.2 million tax fraud in a prosecution by the United States Attorney's Office. Obtained sentence of probation following a contested sentencing hearing.
- Represented multiple individuals, including an attorney, investor, and a corporate executive in investigations conducted by the Securities & Exchange Commission. The investigations focus on fraudulent misrepresentations to investors, including foreign investors participating in the EB-5 Program.

Fraud Investigations

- Leading an internal investigation into whether an executive misappropriated corporate funds for personal expenditures and otherwise breached fiduciary duties to company.
- Represented and advised a city official with respect to a corruption investigation and prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice. The official was not prosecuted.
- Counseled multiple individuals subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury in a mortgage fraud and bank fraud investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The individuals were not charged.
- Managed corruption investigation and prosecution of Chicago Park District official and contractors involved in mail fraud, wire fraud and bribery in relation to contracts for landscaping at Chicago-area parks, including Millennium Park.
- Conducted fraud investigation and prosecution involving a Minority Business Enterprise obtaining contracts with the Chicago Public Schools.
- Investigated and prosecuted an individual in the financial services industry who solicited and obtained payments exceeding \$1.1 million from four investors by falsely representing that their funds would be invested in particular companies and instead misappropriated the funds for personal expenditures
- Supervised international fraud investigation and prosecution of the production, distribution and sale of counterfeit art of renowned artists.
- Led investigation and prosecution of fraudulent and deceptive auction practices engaged in by a premier auction house specializing in sports and historical memorabilia.

HONORS

Named a "Local Litigation Star" in Illinois by *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021

Named one of "America's Leading Lawyers in Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations" by Chambers USA, 2019 to present

Awarded the Chicago Crime Commission Star of Distinction

Recognized for superior performance as an Assistant United States Attorney by the United States Attorney's Office

Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Recognition Awards

Recipient of the Chicago Police Department Special Commendation Award

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Trial Advocacy Instructor, Northern District of Illinois in-house program for new Assistant United States Attorneys

EDUCATION

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 1993, *with honors*

B.S., Indiana University, 1990

BAR ADMISSION

Illinois

FIRM MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Co-Chair, White Collar and Government Enforcement

Women's Development Initiative