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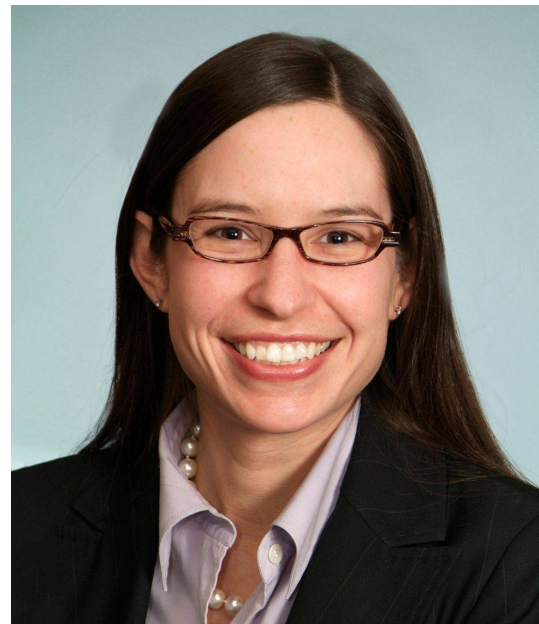
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**Areas of Focus**

Investigations, Compliance,  
and Defense



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### Overview

**Monica Pinciak is a litigator. Corporations and individuals seek her counsel related to federal criminal investigations involving such matters as bribery, public corruption, bid rigging and fraud. Her clients benefit from her extensive experience dealing with federal law enforcement authorities, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and negotiating settlements with the Department of Justice.**

Monica has counseled corporations on the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs and has worked with corporations to design and develop code of conduct provisions dealing with the conduct of ethical business practices. She is the co-author of a manual titled "A 50-State Guide to the Laws Governing Gifts to State and Local Government Officials and Employees," which was prepared to assist clients with monitoring compliance with applicable gratuity laws. Monica also co-authored an article titled "Compelling Private Company Employee Information: The Use of National Security Letters Under 18 U.S.C. Section 2709," which provides guidance to in-house and outside counsel on responding to National Security Letters under the USA Patriot Act.

As a member of the firm's Pro Bono Committee, Monica routinely provides guidance to her fellow lawyers on pro bono matters involving the US Sentencing Guidelines, appeals before the Seventh Circuit, and other topics. Her active pro bono practice has included representing individuals in criminal and civil appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, petitions for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 USC Section 2254, and motions to vacate a federal sentence under 28 USC Section 2255.

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## **Representative Matters**

- Counseled corporations on the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs, with particular emphasis on anti-corruption and anti-bribery measures, and has worked with corporations to design and develop code of conduct provisions dealing with the conduct of ethical business practices.
- Represented corporate and individual clients in a broad range of complex civil disputes in state and federal court.
- Helped draft the briefs in *Clay v. United States*, 537 U.S. 522 (2003), a case involving a collateral attack on a federal sentence and in which Washington, DC, Partner David DeBruin was appointed by the United States Supreme Court to argue and defend the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- Represented a federal criminal defendant in connection with a resentencing hearing in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Her client, who was originally sentenced to life imprisonment, received a sentence of 156 months' imprisonment on resentencing.

## **Credentials**

### **Admissions**

- Illinois, 1999

### **Education**

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, JD, high honors; Order of the Coif, 1999
- DePaul University, BS, honors, 1996

### **Court Admissions**

- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1999

### **Clerkships**

- Staff Law Clerk, US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1999-2002

## **Service / Recognition**

### **Community**

- SouthSTAR Services, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing developmental training and various support services to individuals with developmental disabilities: Member, Board of Directors