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Areas of Focus

Culture Risk and Sensitive
Investigations

Investigations, Compliance,
and Defense

Monitorship Practice

Public Company Advisory
Group

State Attorneys General



Overview

Sarah Weiss guides companies through their most sensitive internal issues. When companies face DOJ, SEC, or other government inquiries and enforcement actions, Sarah helps respond and resolve them. She takes on her clients' most complex challenges and forges a path forward to achieve results. An anti-money laundering specialist, she has prevailed in matters involving alleged money laundering, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, and domestic bribery, kickbacks, and fraud.

Sarah helps companies avoid future entanglements through preventative compliance efforts, remediation, and court-appointed monitorships. Her experience also includes complex commercial litigation, including matters involving self-regulatory organizations and derivative trading. Sarah has led massive internal investigations in household-name cases, secured multibillion-dollar settlements involving the DOJ, and conducted global anti-corruption risk assessments in dozens of countries throughout South America, Asia, and Europe. Some of her cases have been widely covered by leading news outlets internationally.

Sarah represents clients of all sizes from across the US and around the world in various industries including energy, food, banking, and healthcare. She is a graduate of the Leadership Greater Chicago Signature Fellows Program (2022).



With a clear understanding of the ins and outs of my clients' businesses, their people, and their problems, I keep my team laser-focused on delivering value and quality and helping clients resolve their thorniest issues.”

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Representative Matters

- Represented nation's largest utility in a Department of Justice investigation involving allegations of bribery and corruption, resolved with no charges against the parent company and a deferred prosecution agreement for the utility subsidiary.
- Served on the team representing the court-appointed Examiner, Shoba Pillay, in the chapter 11 cases of Celsius Network LLC and its affiliated debtors. Celsius was a global cryptocurrency lending platform that accepted cryptocurrency deposits from public customers and had more than \$25 billion in assets pre-bankruptcy. In June 2022, the company paused all customer transfers and withdrawals and filed bankruptcy the following month. As Examiner, Shoba was appointed in September 2022 to investigate and report on: Celsius's cryptocurrency assets, including how and where those cryptocurrency assets were held and whether different types of accounts were commingled; Celsius's "CEL" token, including why and how other digital assets were converted into CEL tokens and how those tokens were marketed, stored, and traded; representations made by Celsius in public representations to customers to attract them to the company's platform and about the company's cryptocurrency holdings and account offerings; allegations that Celsius may have been a Ponzi scheme; and allegations involving the company's systems for paying taxes and utility obligations for its crypto mining operations. Following the investigation, which included reviewing over 500 GB of data and conducting over 50 interviews, including the former CEO, Shoba published her final Examiner's Report in January 2023. The report is available [here](#).
- Served as one of the team leaders that conducted a significant internal review and produced a public report for the Chicago Blackhawks in an investigation into allegations that in 2010 a player was sexually assaulted by an assistant coach who was later and separately criminally convicted of sexually abusing a minor.
- Led the compliance team for the monitor of Credit Suisse AG following the bank's \$715 million settlement with the New York Department of Financial Services, part of a broader \$2.6 billion settlement that involved the US

Department of Justice and federal regulators.

- Led global FCPA compliance risk assessment in 25 countries throughout South America, Asia, and Europe.
- Represented a client in *qui tam* litigation against allegations of health care fraud violations.

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 2010

Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law, JD, 2010
- Yale University, BA, distinction in history, 2005

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2011

Clerkships

- Hon. John J. Tharp, Jr., US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2013-2014

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Albert E. Jenner Pro Bono Award, 2018
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, General Litigation, 2018-2022
- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award, 2020

Community

- Illinois Prison Project, Board of Directors
- Leadership Greater Chicago, Signature Fellow, 2022
- Berkeley Law Alumni Group, Chicago, Co-Chair
- Yale Club of Chicago, Regional Director; Alumni Schools Committee, Yale University Admissions Office