

Former Assistant US Attorney in the Central District of California Carolyn Small Boosts Jenner & Block's Investigation, Compliance, and Defense Practice in Los Angeles

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(LOS ANGELES – January 9, 2024) Jenner & Block has expanded its Investigations, Compliance, and Defense Practice in Los Angeles with the addition of Carolyn Small, a former Assistant US Attorney in the Major Frauds Section of the Criminal Division in the Central District of California.

Carolyn follows the arrivals of Partners Alex Romain and Jennifer Lee in Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively.

“We are delighted to welcome Carolyn to Jenner & Block’s Investigations, Compliance and Defense team,” said Co-Managing Partners Katya Jestin and Randy Mehrberg. “Our Los Angeles office is experiencing significant growth. Her addition will only bolster our strength in one of our core areas of expertise on the West Coast, allowing us to further expand our capabilities and support our clients.”

During her time at the US Attorney’s Office, Carolyn served on the Corporate and Securities Fraud Strike Force and investigated and prosecuted complex financial crimes, including securities fraud, corporate embezzlement, COVID-related fraud, money laundering, and tax evasion. Carolyn was one of the lead prosecutors in the high-profile investigation into Wells Fargo’s sales-practice misconduct. The case resulted in a \$3 billion deferred prosecution agreement with the company and a guilty plea by a former bank executive.

“Carolyn will help expand our existing white-collar expertise on the West Coast and deepen our nationwide bench of former assistant US attorneys,” said Brandon Fox, Co-Chair of the firm’s Investigations, Compliance, and Defense Practice and Office Managing Partner of Los Angeles and Century City. “She will be a pillar and key component to the continued expansion of our Los Angeles offices. I am thrilled to be working with her once again.”

Carolyn is a seasoned trial lawyer and has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in a wide range of cases involving fraud and constitutional issues. She has also investigated government

procurement and antitrust violations.

Carolyn has joined the firm as a special counsel and will be based in our Downtown LA office. She previously clerked for the Honorable Sandra S. Ikuta of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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