

Maria R. Durant

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Biography

Maria Durant advises life sciences and health care executives and their companies in connection with criminal, civil, and regulatory enforcement matters as well as related complex civil litigation.

With a career spanning three decades, Maria's experience includes directing internal investigations and defending government investigations and prosecutions involving alleged violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute; False Claims Act; Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and many other federal and state laws frequently used by government agencies and whistleblowers. Maria's clients recognize the value that her enforcement experience and deep industry knowledge brings to all matters and regularly engage her to handle a wide variety of civil litigation ranging from individual personal injury cases to mass tort products liability actions.

Maria's business-minded, practical approach to resolving legal matters is the foundation for her reputation as a trusted adviser to clients of all kinds. She often advises medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers, individual business executives, and health care providers. Additionally, she has experience counseling leaders in the environmental, financial services, and construction industries.



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Practices

Litigation Services

Employment

Health Law

Medical Device and Technology
Regulatory

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

Diversified Industrials

Maria spent many years as a partner with Hogan Lovells' predecessor Boston firm, Collora LLP, serving in administrative and management leadership roles. Currently, she serves as the Managing Partner of the firm's Boston office, leading all efforts to provide clients with the best possible legal services.

Committed to the communities in which she works and lives, Maria dedicates her time in service of the bar as an elected member of the Boston Bar Association's Council, the organization's governing body. She is a founding member of the Women in White Collar Defense Association, Co-Chair of its Boston chapter, and a member of the Emeritus Board of the Women's Bar Foundation in Massachusetts. A strong advocate for access to justice, Maria has devoted significant time helping indigent clients on a pro bono basis throughout the course of her career.

Representative experience

Represent national pharmaceutical manufacturer in multidistrict and state court litigation related to the opioid crisis.

Represented medical device manufacturer in all aspects of 12,000 product liability MDL including key roles in discovery strategy, dispositive motion practice, bellwether trials, and global settlement.

Defended numerous corporate clients in connection with internal and government investigations related to False Claims Act matters in the health care industry.

Represented business executives in health care fraud, wire and mail fraud, and securities fraud matters.

Represented global health care client in affirmative civil litigation resulting in favorable jury verdict recognizing tax deduction of payments in connection with False Claims Act settlement.*

Served as trial counsel in various criminal and civil

Areas of focus

Bribery and Corruption
False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Suffolk University Law School, cum laude, 1991

B.A., Suffolk University, cum laude, 1988

Memberships

Women's Bar Foundation, Emeritus Board Member, Trustee

Member, American Bar Association, New England Region White Collar Crime Section

Member, Boston Bar Association Council

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

matters in state and federal courts.

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2008-2021
- Top 50 Women Attorneys in Massachusetts, *Boston Magazine*, 2017, 2019
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2004-2005, 2007-2019
- Top 50 Women in Massachusetts, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2012-2013, 2019
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers Women's Edition*, 2019
- Criminal Defense - White Collar and Non-White Collar, *Boston's Best Lawyers*, 2011-2012

Latest thinking and events

- Announcements
 - Hogan Lovells appoints Maria Durant and Greg Noonan to lead the Boston office
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Distressed Investing Forum
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - View from the Horizon: Digital Health and Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies in Boston
 - The Southern District of New York expresses concern with government's "outsourcing" of corporate internal investigations
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Boston: Life Sciences and Health Care Horizons 2019
- Analysis
 - AI and Your Business: A Guide for Navigating Legal, Policy, Commercial, & Strategic Challenges Ahead