

# **Brittany H. Sokoloff**

PARTNER

Brittany represents individual and corporate clients in federal criminal investigations, regulatory enforcement actions, civil litigation, and corporate internal investigations.



#### **Industries**

AI, Metaverse & Blockchain Fashion & Retail Law

#### **Practices**

Complex Litigation

— Commercial

— Financial Markets Enforcement & Litigation Government Enforcement & White Collar

- Investigations

#### Languages

Spanish

#### **Education**

Fordham University School of Law, JD, cum laude, 2014

Tufts University, BA, cum laude, 2011

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Brittany has experience in a wide variety of criminal and civil litigations and investigations. She represents corporations, city agencies, and individuals accused of alleged wrongdoing such as fraud, tax evasion, political corruption, and false claims act violations. She has represented individuals and entities across industries, including healthcare, automotive, energy, agriculture, education, and construction.

Brittany has experience in defending clients involved in investigations and enforcement actions conducted by the IRS, SEC, CFTC, FINRA, NTSB, OFAC, State AG offices and other federal and state regulatory agencies. She has a keen understanding of how to handle complex financial matters whether in connection with criminal litigation, civil litigation, or an investigation. She routinely engages with forensic accountants to defend her clients against allegations of tax fraud and tax evasion.

Brittany also litigates a range of complex civil disputes throughout the country, with a focus on cases alleging complicated financial issues.

Brittany spends much of her time working with clients to prepare them for various kinds of court proceedings. She has represented clients in grand jury appearances, proffers, arraignments, pre-trial conferences, as witnesses at trial, sentencings, and other court proceedings.

## **Client Work**

#### **Criminal Investigations and Litigation**

- Successfully represented a city agency that was under investigation for diligence in its hiring practices.
- Successfully represented a billion-dollar litigation funding company under investigation for its funding of controversial medical procedures.
- Successfully received immunity for an individual being investigated for corporate books and records violations at billion-dollar company.

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- Successfully represented a billion-dollar company that was under investigation for aiding and abetting money laundering.
- Represented executives under investigation for forced labor conspiracy violations.
- Successfully represented individuals at a healthcare company under investigation for false claims act violations

#### Tax

- Successfully represented a company that was under investigation for conspiring to assist an individual filing an offshore voluntary disclosure
- Represented founder of renowned hair product company for failure to pay income taxes on the sale of his business.
- Represented founder of medical device company indicted for evading taxes on business income
  who successfully received a below-guidelines sentence and successfully moved for compassionate
  release.

#### **Financial Markets**

- Represented a leading blockchain liquidity protocol involving securities allegations, resulting in the ultimate dismissal of all claims.
- Avoided criminal and civil charges from being filed against a managing director at an international investment banking firm who faced civil and criminal securities fraud allegations.
- Represented numerous employees at a billion-dollar company under investigation for civil fraud violations tied to property valuations.
- Successfully first-chaired complex financial products arbitration.
- Represented whistleblower to the SEC and CFTC alleging fraudulent practices at cryptocurrency platform.

#### Other Significant Litigation Experience

- Successfully obtained summary judgment for an event producer facing contractual and fraud allegations in connection with a failed concert series.
- Successfully represented one of the world's largest internet-based TV and On-demand service
  providers for South Asian content, in obtaining emergency relief as a third-party intervenor, which
  effectively barred one of the parties from terminating its distribution agreement or otherwise
  ceasing transmission of its television channels to our client.

# **Boards, Memberships & Certifications**

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinder (2020)
- New York City Bar Association
- Tufts Entrepreneurial Network, New York Chair (2020 present); Member (2018 present)

# **Publications, Presentations & Recognitions**

#### **Publications**

- "Who Can Sue After a Data Breach?" American Bar Association Business Torts Journal (2016)
- Note, "Quiet On Set! We Have a Trademark to Sell," 24 Fordham Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Law Journal 585 (2014)

#### **Presentations**

 "Tufts Entrepreneurs Tackle Tough Questions – The Retail Industry," Tufts University, Webinar (May 26, 2020)

## **Professional Activities**

Brittany has taken the opportunity to engage in pro bono at ArentFox Schiff and has worked with Sanctuary for Families' Anti-Trafficking Initiative. She also participates in the Pro Bono Counsel Program with the Federal Public Defender's Office in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

#### **Bar Admissions**

New York

New Jersey

### **Court Admissions**

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, District of New Jersey