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## PRACTICES

Complex Civil Litigation  
False Claims Act Litigation  
Internal Investigations  
Securities Enforcement  
Trust and Family Office  
White Collar Defense

## EDUCATION

- J.D.  
American University  
Washington College of Law  
summa cum laude
- B.A.  
Georgetown University

## Addy R. Schmitt

MEMBER  
VICE CHAIR, LITIGATION DEPARTMENT

Addy R. Schmitt, Vice Chair of the firm's Litigation Department, represents individuals and corporations in criminal and civil litigation. Ms. Schmitt has significant trial experience, including trials in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland federal courts, as well as extensive experience representing clients facing parallel proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. Ms. Schmitt has litigated countless complex cases covering a wide array of legal claims, from criminal public corruption charges to civil False Claims Act violations. In 2016, she represented an individual who was found not guilty on all counts by a jury in a criminal bribery and defense procurement fraud trial in federal court in Virginia. Ms. Schmitt is also often called upon to conduct sensitive internal investigations for a variety of clients, including a prominent labor union. Her expertise in white collar criminal defense and internal investigations has been recognized by a number of publications, including *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and *Washingtonian Magazine*.

Before joining the firm, Ms. Schmitt served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia from January 2010 to January 2014, where she represented federal executive agencies and employees at all stages of litigation in matters pending before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Ms. Schmitt's cases involved a wide range of legal issues, including employment discrimination, administrative procedure, tort, fraud, and Freedom of Information Act claims.

Ms. Schmitt began her legal career as an Associate for Dickstein Shapiro, LLP, where she handled a wide range of civil cases at all stages of the litigation process. Ms. Schmitt also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Ms. Schmitt is very active in the community at both the national and local level. In 2018, Ms. Schmitt was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. In 2017, President Barack Obama appointed Ms. Schmitt to the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, the body that recommends candidates for judicial positions on the District of Columbia Superior Court and Court of Appeals to the president and appoints the chief judges for those courts. She has also chaired the selection panels for magistrate judges for both the U.S. District Court and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. She recently completed two terms on the District Court's Committee on Grievances and is a member of a number of local legal organizations, including the Edward Bennett Williams Inn of Court and the Lawyers' Club of Washington. Ms. Schmitt has also been an Adjunct Professor at the American University Washington College of Law, where she has co-taught courses in criminal trial advocacy, white collar crime, and taking and defending depositions. From 2006-2019, Ms. Schmitt served on the board of directors of the Abramson Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit that provides scholarships and mentoring to DC public school graduates attending college, and she remains active with the organization.

Prior to law school, Ms. Schmitt worked as a staff assistant in the office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) and as a lobbyist for a large national non-profit organization.

## **REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS**

- Represent clients under investigation by federal law enforcement agencies and defend individuals indicted on felony charges against allegations of fraud, public corruption, tax evasion, money laundering, and other financial crimes.
- Represent an offshore trustee with respect to a criminal tax investigation involving the DOJ and regulators in multiple offshore jurisdictions.
- Represented small business in complex civil suit in federal court challenging a federal agency's decisions under the Administrative Procedure Act.
- Defended large technology firm against allegations of fraudulent billing and retaliation in civil False Claims Act suit in federal court.

## **GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE**

- Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, 2010-2014

## **RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION**

- *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>: Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2021
- *Chambers USA*: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (District of Columbia), 2018 - 2020
- *Legal 500*: Dispute Resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, 2016, 2019 - 2020
- Washington's Top Lawyers: Criminal Defense, White Collar ( *Washingtonian Magazine*), 2020
- DC Bar Capital Pro Bono High Honor Roll, 2014, 2017 - 2020
- DC Bar Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2015
- *Corporate Crime Reporter*: 150 Women in White Collar, 2016
- U.S. Department of Justice Special Achievement Award, 2013
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Special Service Award, 2008 - 2009

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- Member, District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission
- Board of Directors, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Program Committee, Women's White Collar Defense Association
- Board of Directors, Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit
- Member, Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court
- Member, Lawyers' Club of Washington

- Member, The Barristers
- Member, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Committee on Grievances (2012 - 2018)
- Chair, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel (2016)
- Chair, Superior Court of the District of Columbia Magistrate Judge Advisory Merit Section Panel (2014 - 2016)
- Adjunct Professor, American University Washington College of Law
- Board of Directors (2006 - 2019) and President (2010 - 2018), Abramson Scholarship Foundation

## **ADMISSIONS**

### **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia

### **Court Admissions**

- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Federal Claims

### **CLERKSHIPS**

- Clerk, The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia