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Shawn M. Wright concentrates her practice in the area of white collar criminal litigation, with a specific focus on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”) and international anti-corruption laws; criminal antitrust; public corruption; and government contracts matters. She represents corporations, boards of directors, and corporate executives in a wide range of internal and government investigations, audits and risk assessments, parallel proceedings, and before enforcement agencies and bodies such as the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), and other authorities.

Shawn’s practice includes internal compliance program development for the FCPA, including establishing workplace compliance policies and procedures, due diligence in mergers and acquisitions, third-party relationships, and other transactions. She also conducts internal investigations and provides counsel on violations of the Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”).

Additionally, she represents companies and nonprofit organizations and their boards of directors regarding corporate governance, compliance, and internal controls issues.

Outside The Firm

Shawn is a member of the Women President’s Organization – Greenbelt Chapter, which supports and promotes women-owned companies. She is also a tutor and mentor to diverse women law students. She is an enthusiastic football and basketball fan, both professional and collegiate.

Select Engagements

- Conducted FCPA risk assessments and FCPA due diligence on M&A and joint venture transactions for multiple public and private companies.
- *Fortune* 100 company, conducted internal investigations into allegations involving trade sanctions violations.
- FCPA due diligence review for foreign companies with agents and subsidiaries in multiple countries.
- *Fortune* 100 company, in an internal investigation of one of their foreign subsidiaries involving allegations of FCPA violations.
- A chief financial officer, in an ongoing investigation by the DOJ and SEC, regarding allegations of FCPA and trade sanctions violations.
- Conducted multiple internal investigations for multinational companies involving allegations of FCPA, procurement fraud, and anti-kickback issues.
- Healthcare organizations, in DOJ investigations involving anti-kickback and off-label issues.
- 501 (c)(6) and 501 (c)(3) organizations on a variety of matters, including third-party due diligence, corporate governance, compliance, and review of financial internal controls.
- Publicly traded shipping company, in a federal criminal antitrust investigation.
- Several corporate executives, in a criminal antitrust investigation of the automobile industry conducted by the DOJ.
- Pharmaceutical company, in a criminal antitrust investigation of the generic pharmaceutical industry by the DOJ and State Attorney General's office.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court - District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court - Maryland
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Maryland Bar Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Education

- Howard University, BA, cum laude

- Santa Clara University School of Law, JD

Recognitions

- 2015, "White Collar Crime Trailblazer," listed in *The National Law Journal*
- 2017–2018, listed in Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

Professional Activities

Shawn serves as chair for the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. She maintains active membership in various bar associations, the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics, Society of International Affairs, and the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals. She is a member of the William Bryant Inn of Court.