

Alexandra Wood

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Alex helps individuals and companies get ahead of government scrutiny, and defends them when enforcement actions and white collar investigations follow.

Drawing on experience across the full lifecycle of litigation, from internal investigations through trial and appeal, Alex brings a grounded, practical approach to government enforcement defense and white collar criminal matters. She works alongside Dorsey & Whitney's Government Solutions & Investigations team to help clients identify vulnerabilities before regulators do, and to mount effective defenses when enforcement actions arise.

Alex supports clients facing investigations and proceedings involving fraud, public corruption, and related criminal and regulatory exposure. She helps clients understand where problems originate so they can address root causes, not just symptoms — an approach that reflects her background working in white collar criminal defense before law school, where she gained firsthand exposure to high-profile matters at every stage of litigation.

On the civil side, Alex assists with complex commercial disputes, government litigation, and financial services disputes (including before FINRA). She also contributes to internal investigations, helping teams quickly define the scope of an issue so clients can resolve it efficiently and without unnecessary expenditure of resources.

Prior to joining Dorsey, Alex clerked for Justice Elspeth B. Cypher (ret.) and Justice Elizabeth N. Dewar at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Select Experience

- Served as interim prosecutor for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, representing the People on entire misdemeanor docket (from investigating incidents through trial) and advising the Tribe on criminal matters.

Education

- Northeastern University School of Law (J.D., 2023)
 - Executive Articles Editor (2022-2023)
- Reed College (B.A., English, 2015)
 - Commendation for Academic Excellence (2014, 2015)

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Massachusetts

- Defended a financial services company in a dispute before FINRA, resulting in dismissal of all claims.
- Regularly conduct internal investigations for companies facing employment allegations or disputes.
- Drafted opening statement in criminal proceeding for international company facing potential multi-billion-dollar penalties, contributing to dismissal of all criminal charges.*

*Experience occurred prior to joining Dorsey.

Clerkships

- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Elspeth B. Cypher (ret.) & Elizabeth N. Dewar, 2023–2024

Accolades

- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2024
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

Insights

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Choose Your Words Wisely: Hearsay Rules, Conspiracy, and Healthcare Fraud