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Talia S. Karas

Talia focuses her practice on white-collar criminal defense, government and corporate investigations, and civil litigation.

She provides strategic counsel and planning to individuals and corporate targets facing investigation, enforcement actions, or prosecution by federal and state agencies. Talia has experience defending against a variety of allegations, including bribery, fraud, obstruction of justice, racketeering and false statements. She has represented clients in a range of industries, including health care, finance, public utilities, education, engineering and construction. She has conducted internal investigations for clients. Talia has also represented corporate clients in a range of business disputes, from defending against allegations by a large multi-national corporation to bringing claims in a landlord tenant dispute.

As a former extern for the Hon. Kathleen B. Burke in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Talia gained experience drafting judicial opinions and attending mediations, providing her with insight into federal litigation and best practices in federal court.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented assistant general counsel of energy company in connection with bribery and anti-corruption investigation
- Represented scientist in connection with government investigation into chemical manufacturer related to allegations of distributing improperly produced materials
- Successfully defended government employee in federal prosecution of bribery and wire fraud charges resulting in sentence of probation
- Represented small business owner in landlord tenant dispute
- Represented small business owner against multinational corporation in civil case arising out of alleged bid-rigging scheme

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

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EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2019

University of Toronto, B.A., *with honors*, 2008

LANGUAGES

Hebrew, conversational

SERVICES Litigation

Investigations, White Collar Defense & Shareholder Litigation • White collar criminal defense

PRESENTATIONS

- "Criminal Implications and Medical Marijuana," Columbus Bar Association, April 20, 2022
- "Financial Investigations and the Banking Client," Continuing Legal Education, March 24, 2021

PUBLICATIONS

- "How we sparked engaged FBA diversity programming," *The Federal Lawyer*, Summer 2023 Volume 70, Issue 3
- "First but not last," *The Federal Lawyer*, May 31, 2022
- "Anonymous no more: Data privacy in the genetic age," Northern District of Ohio Federal Bar Association Newsletter, 2020, and Younger Lawyers of Federal Bar Association Newsletter, 2021

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association Northern District of Ohio Chapter, Board of Directors; Continuing Legal Education Committee Co-Chair; Diversity Committee Former Chair; Trial Academy, 2019
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

HONORS | AWARDS

Ohio Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition

COMMUNITY

- Ladder Down Cleveland, Class of 2020
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland International Programs Initiative, Volunteer
- University of Toronto, Alumni Admissions Committee
- VeloSano, Rider, 2020; Volunteer, 2016-2018