



Maureen E. Merin

of counsel

Maureen focuses her practice on white collar defense and appellate matters. As a former federal prosecutor, Maureen has extensive experience investigating and prosecuting complex criminal matters, as well as in leading high-stakes litigation. Maureen is an accomplished trial lawyer and appellate litigator, having tried over 15 cases to verdict and briefed and argued numerous appeals.

Prior to joining Porter Wright, Maureen served as Assistant U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief in the Violent Crimes and National Security Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, where she investigated, prosecuted, and supervised a broad range of federal offenses, including money laundering, tax fraud, healthcare and insurance fraud, bribery, embezzlement, export violations, labor trafficking, child exploitation and violent crimes. Maureen has extensive experience leading multi-agency investigative teams, including in international matters. Her work has won her recognition from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations Division, the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County Crimestoppers.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Investigated and prosecuted an insurance executive who engineered a Ponzi scheme in the private captive insurance market.
- Investigated and prosecuted a medical clinic owner who defrauded Medicare and a private health insurer.
- Investigated and prosecuted multiple individuals who devised and participated in an international tax fraud and money laundering scheme.
- Investigated and prosecuted numerous multi-million-dollar fraud and money laundering schemes involving the theft of government funds from city, state, and federal agencies.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School,
J.D., *with honors*, 2004

University of Mississippi, M.A., 2000

Williams College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1998

LANGUAGES

- Spanish, *conversational*

SERVICES

Litigation

- Appellate and Supreme Court practice

Investigations, White Collar Defense & Shareholder Litigation

- White collar criminal defense