



## Maria R. Durant

Partner

Boston

### Biography

Clients rely on Maria Durant's counsel in connection with internal corporate and government investigations, government enforcement actions, and complex civil litigation, including qui tam actions.

Maria focuses on defending clients in high-stake cases, including complex civil litigation and government enforcement matters. She has expansive experience representing clients in the Life Sciences and Health Care industry, including medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers, health service organizations, and individual providers. She also has experience serving clients in the environmental, real estate, financial services, and construction industries.

Maria recognizes the importance of sound legal advice to her clients' continued financial health and success. She partners with her clients to solve the most challenging legal issues while minimizing risk and disruption.

Previously with Collora LLP, now the Boston office of Hogan Lovells, Maria has been with the firm for over 25 years with a brief sabbatical when she served as a special assistant district attorney in Massachusetts. At Collora LLP, Maria served in a variety of administrative and management roles for the firm including Associate Liaison, Hiring Partner, and Ethics Committee Chair.



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### Practices

Litigation

Employment

Health Law

Medical Device and Technology  
Regulatory

Investigations, White Collar Crime,  
and Fraud

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### Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

Diversified Industrials

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Believing firmly that lawyers have a responsibility to serve the communities in which they work and live, Maria spends a fair amount of her time outside of work in service to the bar and to indigent clients. She is also a member of the Boston Bar Association's Council, which is the organization's governing body.

## Representative experience

Represented medical device manufacturer in complex MDL comprising over 12,000 individual cases alleging manufacturing defects.\*

Represented global healthcare client in securing favorable jury verdict recognizing tax deduction related to corporate payments in connection with False Claims Act settlement.\*

Represented healthcare manufacturer in multiyear litigation involving complex commercial lease dispute.\*

Lead trial counsel for global environmental company in litigation alleging improprieties in contract bidding process.\*

Led internal investigation and negotiations with the Environmental Protection Agency concerning certification and branding of ENERGY STAR label on client products.\*

Represented corporate controller of telecommunications company in stock option backdating investigation.\*

Defended corporate clients in connection with False Claims Act matters in the construction and healthcare industries.\*

Represented individuals in numerous healthcare fraud, wire and mail fraud, securities fraud, money laundering, and public corruption investigations.\*

\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Areas of focus

Bribery and Corruption

Health Care Services

False Claims Act

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Suffolk University Law School, cum laude, 1991

B.A., Suffolk University, cum laude, 1988

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## Memberships

Women's Bar Foundation, Emeritus Board Member, Trustee

Member, American Bar Association, New England Region White Collar Crime Section

Member, Boston Bar Association Council

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

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## Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

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## Awards and rankings

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2008-2020
- Top 50 Women Attorneys in Massachusetts, *Boston Magazine*, 2017
- Criminal Defense - White Collar and Non-White Collar, *Boston's Best Lawyers*, 2011-2012
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, 2004 - 2005, 2007 - 2018
- Top 50 Women in Massachusetts, *Super Lawyers*, 2012-2013

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Events
  - Distressed Investing Forum
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - View from the Horizon: Digital Health and Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies in Boston
  - ■ The Southern District of New York expresses concern with government's "outsourcing" of corporate internal investigations
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - Boston: Life Sciences and Health Care Horizons 2019
- Analysis
  - AI and Your Business: A Guide for Navigating Legal, Policy, Commercial, & Strategic Challenges Ahead
- ■ Boston Compliance Forum