

GRACE C. SIGNORELLI-CASSADY, Associate

Ms. Signorelli-Cassady is a Litigation associate and a member of both the firm's Investigations, Compliance and Defense practice and its Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation practice.

Ms. Signorelli-Cassady has experience conducting corporate investigations, representing criminal defendants both at the trial level and post-conviction, and representing clients in complex cases at all stages of litigation, including at trial. In addition, she has drafted numerous *amicus curiae* briefs filed with the United States Supreme Court and federal appellate courts, most regarding criminal law issues. She has published on a variety of topics, including co-authoring a [chapter](#) in *The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations* published by Global Investigations Review. Ms. Signorelli-Cassady also maintains an active pro bono practice.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Signorelli-Cassady served as a law clerk to the Honorable Roslyn O. Silver of the US District Court for the District of Arizona, during which time she assisted with several civil and criminal trials and was responsible for one half of all cases on the civil and criminal dockets. During her clerkship, Ms. Signorelli-Cassady also assisted with matters taken by designation in the US Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

During law school, Ms. Signorelli-Cassady was the managing editor of the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, a criminal justice fellow, a law clerk in the Boston United States Attorney's Office's Public Corruption and Special Prosecutions Unit, a teaching assistant with the Harvard Negotiation Institute, and a law clerk in the Illinois Attorney General's Office's Consumer Protection Division. During that time, she completed 290 hours of pro bono work. Ms. Signorelli-Cassady also spent three years working for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office prior to law school.

Litigation experience includes:

- Co-second-chairing a bench trial in an over \$100 million oil lease dispute, ultimately resolved favorably for the client;
- Drafting numerous motions and pleadings, including dispositive motions and a motion in a complex federal court case alleging numerous federal and state law claims—including trademark, breach of contract, and unfair competition claims—that later resulted in favorable [\\$114 million jury verdict](#); and
- Taking and defending numerous depositions, conducting direct and cross examinations, arguing contested motions, and preparing for trials, including working with expert witnesses and preparing trial witnesses.



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation
Investigations, Compliance and Defense Litigation

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, JD, 2016; Managing Editor, *Harvard Journal on Legislation*

Florida State University, BA, 2010; *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2016

COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2017

US Supreme Court, 2020

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Roslyn O. Silver, US District Court, District of Arizona, 2018

Investigation and criminal defense experience includes:

- Working on matters involving DOJ, SEC, and various state and international prosecutorial entities;
- Defending several persons charged with felony and misdemeanor offenses, including in negotiations with prosecutors, in resolving evidentiary matters, in working with investigative witnesses, and in arguing contested motions resolved favorably for the client;
- Assisting with federal grand jury subpoena responses, including for individuals and for corporates;
- Preparing investigative plans, preparing for and conducting interviews to gather relevant information, and supervising associate and eDiscovery teams, including in connection with complex, multi-linguistic, and multi-jurisdictional corporate internal investigations; and
- Drafting detailed, comprehensive reports and presentations to the government and to clients summarizing investigative findings, including reports presented to a Fortune 50 company.

Appellate experience includes:

- Drafting, supervising, and strategizing arguments in connection with nearly a dozen *amicus curiae* briefs, mainly involving criminal law matters, most of which were filed with the U.S. Supreme Court and the remainder in federal appellate courts.
- These briefs include:
 - [Brief](#) of the American Bar Association as *Amicus Curiae*, Shannon Daves, et al., v. Dallas County, Texas, et al. (United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; Case No. 18-11368)
 - [Brief](#) of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as *Amicus Curiae*, Greer v. United States (United States Supreme Court; Case No. 19-8709)
 - [Brief](#) of *Amici Curiae* Legal Professors, Cordell Sanders v. Michael Melvin, et al (United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Case No. 20-3276)
 - [Brief](#) of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as *Amicus Curiae*, Van Buren v. United States (United States Supreme Court; Case No. 19-783)
 - [Brief](#) of the American Bar Association as *Amicus Curiae*, O'Donnell v. Harris County, Texas (United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; Case No. 17-20333)

Pro bono experience includes:

- Ongoing representation of a felony criminal defendant in state court, including arguing motions resolved favorably for client;
- Representation of a plaintiff in an excessive force action in federal district court, ultimately resolved in a favorable settlement for the client; and
- Representation of a client in a domestic relations matter, ultimately resolved in a favorable outcome for the client.

Publications

- Co-Author, *The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations – Sixth Edition*, Global Investigations Review, June 1, 2022
- Co-Author, "Import Best Practices Under New Uyghur Forced Labor Law," *Law360*, January 19, 2022
- Co-Author, Client Alert: A New Frontier in Supply Chain Diligence: Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Becomes Law, December 28, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Six Best Practices for Excising Xinjiang Forced Labor from Supply Chains, July 20, 2021
- Co-Author, *The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations - Fifth Edition*, Global Investigations Review, March 24, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Week Two in the Biden Administration: Environmental Justice, COVID-19 Response, and Building Back Better, February 2, 2021
- Co-Author, *Anti-Corruption Enforcement 2020 Year in Review: A Guide to the FCPA, UK Bribery Act, and International Anti-Corruption Laws*, Jenner & Block, January 15, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Recent Legislation Expands SEC's Ability to Pursue Disgorgement, January 8, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Why the Supreme Court's Decision in *Van Buren* May Be Felt beyond Criminal Law, December 11, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Practical Implications of Supreme Court's Decision Related to SEC's Disgorgement Remedy, June 30, 2020
- Co-Author, "How COVID-19 May Influence SEC's Enforcement Analysis," *Law360*, June 22, 2020
- *Anti-Corruption Enforcement 2019-2020: A Guide to the FCPA, UK Bribery Act and International Anti-Corruption Laws*, Jenner & Block, March 25, 2020
- Co-Author, "Fines, Disgorgement, Injunctions, Debarment: The US Perspective," *GIR's The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations*, February 4, 2020
- Co-Author, *Update to Anti-Corruption Enforcement 2018-2019: A Guide to the FCPA and the UK Bribery Act*, June 2019
- Client Alert: Co-Author, FBI Creates New Miami-Based Corruption Squad, Signaling Increased FCPA Scrutiny for Latin American Companies, April 3, 2019
- Co-Author, *Business Guide to Anti-Corruption Laws: 2017 Mid-Year Update*, Jenner & Block, June 2017
- Co-Author, *Business Guide to Anti-Corruption Laws*, Jenner & Block 2017, January 20, 2017
- "Moving Beyond Money: A Primer on Bail Reform," (Harvard Law School, Criminal Justice Policy Program), October 2016
- "Paid Leave in Mississippi: Analysis and Recommendations," *Harvard Law School Mississippi Delta Project*, February 2014

