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Emily F. Hodge

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Emily Hodge has over ten years of experience representing individuals and life sciences companies in government and internal investigations and providing compliance advice to companies that are navigating a challenging and nuanced enforcement environment. Ms. Hodge is also experienced in complex civil litigation and has defended a number of clients in civil qui tam actions. Ms. Hodge's analytical skills, knowledge of the industry, and leadership make her a valued contributor in complex investigations and a trusted advisor in times of critical decision-making for her clients.

Ms. Hodge also has prosecutorial experience as a Special Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County at the Boston Municipal Court, where she gained considerable criminal trial experience.

Ms. Hodge is committed to public interest work. She chairs the Firm's collaboration with the Lawyers Clearinghouse, in which the Firm conducts legal clinics at local homeless shelters. In June 2009, the Lawyers Clearinghouse awarded Ms. Hodge its Pro Bono Award, and the Lawyers Clearinghouse Newsletter has featured her in its "Pro Bono Spotlight."

Ms. Hodge has been named a *Massachusetts Super Lawyer*. In 2016 Ms. Hodge was recognized as an Up & Coming honoree by *Mass Lawyers Weekly*, and in 2017 she was honored by the *Boston Business Journal* as one of Boston's 40 Under 40 emerging business leaders.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center JD, 2006

Harvard College AB, 2002, *cum laude*

PRACTICE FOCUS

Government Enforcement & Compliance

Represent individuals and corporations in government and internal investigations and related litigation, and advise clients regarding compliance measures in areas including healthcare fraud, FCPA, and export violations and securities fraud.

Complex Commercial Litigation

Represent leading corporations in commercial litigation, including contract disputes, patent infringement claims and securities investigations.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

• Defense of major pharmaceutical companies and individual executives in federal and state investigations into sales and marketing practices.

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ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

PRACTICE AREAS

Government Enforcement & Compliance

Healthcare

Whistleblower Defense

- Advise life sciences companies regarding patient services and patient assistance compliance measures, including roles, policies and practices, and defend companies in government investigations regarding these programs.
- Advise multi-national pharmaceutical companies regarding competitor activity compliance analyses and response strategies.
- Advise pre-commercial pharmaceutical companies regarding compliance program structure, including policies and procedures.
- Represent medical device manufacturer in internal investigation of alleged employee misconduct.
- Represent multi-national life sciences companies in internal investigations of alleged compliance violations asserted by whistleblowers.
- Defense of health insurance company and pharmaceutical manufacturers in *qui* tam actions.
- Represent individuals in healthcare fraud investigations, SEC investigations and related criminal and civil cases.
- Advise clients regarding FCPA compliance measures.
- Represent global financial institution in federal anti-money laundering investigation.
- Defense of companies and individuals involved in export violation investigations.
- Represent individuals in Board of Bar Overseers disciplinary proceedings.
- Assist pro bono clients in obtaining Social Security disability benefits in hearings before Administrative Law Judges, defending against food stamp disqualification allegations, understanding and sealing CORI records, and obtaining and maintaining housing.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "What's it Really Like Working as a Criminal Prosecutor or Defense Attorney?" *panelist, Boston Bar Association,* July 2017.
- "Pro Bono for the In-House Lawyer," panelist, Boston Bar Association, June 2017.
- "Healthcare Fraud Conference," panelist, Boston Bar Association, May 2017.
- "Expanded Access A Regulatory Balancing Act For Drug Cos," *co-author*, *White Collar Law360*, June 2016.
- "Gov't Paying Close Attention to Patient Assistance Programs," *co-author, White Collar Law360*, December 2014.
- "Mistakes, Misconduct or False Claims: Legal Risks and Potential Liability Involving Federally Funded Research," *speaker, Boston Bar Association,* March 2012.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Hodge is a member of the firm's Pro Bono Committee and has served as a member of the firm's Hiring Committee. In addition to her work with the Lawyers Clearinghouse, Ms. Hodge also represents the best interests of children in care and protection cases as a certified Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Ms. Hodge recently served as the President of the Lawyers Clearinghouse Board of Directors and as the Interim President of the Boston CASA Board of Directors. Ms. Hodge was selected for the 2012-2013 Boston Bar Association Public Interest Leadership Program, and served for several years on the BBA Reentry Committee coordinating the reentry education program established by the 2012-2013 PILP class. Ms. Hodge served on the BBA Criminal Law Steering Committee for three years, and was appointed to the BBA's Death Penalty Working Group, which conducted research and made recommendations regarding the BBA's position on the death penalty in federal cases. She has served on the BBA's Annual Meeting Steering Committee, and she has for a number of years participated in the Law Day in the Schools Program and was featured in a story about the program on WBUR. Outside of the office, Ms. Hodge has run the Boston Marathon with the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team for eight years, and she also volunteers with Christmas in the City, a non-profit organization that hosts an annual event for and provides ongoing assistance to families living in homeless shelters.