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Overview

Lisa Krigsten is a partner in Dentons' White Collar and Government Investigations practice and Office Managing Partner in the Dentons Kansas City office. A former federal prosecutor, Lisa advises and represents US and foreign multinational companies, their senior management, and their boards of directors in investigations and related complex criminal and civil litigation. An accomplished litigator, she first-chairs commercially sensitive and bet-the-company cases throughout the US.

Lisa has a deep understanding of investigative and trial strategy and proven track record of favorably resolving high-stakes corporate matters. She is particularly valued for her skills in crisis management, and has become the go-to attorney for corporate leaders when an issue threatens to disrupt operations or impact the organization's brand or bottom line. Lisa has represented clients before several federal agencies, such as the US Department of Justice (DOJ); the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Her clients include Fortune 100 companies, private equity-owned companies and financial services institutions.

Prior to entering private practice, Lisa had a presidential appointment to serve as a Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General within the DOJ in Washington, DC. She worked within the highest levels of DOJ leadership in guiding the national enforcement of federal law. She also coordinated the DOJ's responses to congressional inquiries and assisted in the drafting of key regulations and laws passed by Congress.

Lisa previously served for several years as a federal prosecutor with the DOJ in Washington, DC, where she received numerous commendations and awards for the investigation and prosecution of high-profile criminal cases across the country. Lisa began her legal career as a state prosecutor.

Lisa regularly is asked to speak on issues related to investigations and crisis management. She also teaches an annual trial advocacy course at the University of Iowa College of Law.

Recognition

- Selected to *Ingram's Magazine's* as one of the 2019 250 Most Powerful Business Leaders in Greater Kansas City

- Selected to *Ingram's Magazine's* 2018 Class of WeKC (Women Executives-Kansas City)
- Selected as one of *Missouri Lawyers Weekly's* 2018 "Influential Lawyers"
- Kansas City Tomorrow program, 2017-18
- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel, 2015-17
- Listed in the 2016 *Super Lawyers* for White Collar Criminal Defense in Kansas and Missouri

Insights

- "The Structure of a Federal Criminal Investigation and the Role of Obstruction of Justice," *Bloomberg Law White Collar Crime Report*, September 15, 2017
- Co-author, "Mistrial in bribery case against US Senator Robert Menendez highlights the challenges of proving bribery with circumstantial evidence," Dentons client alert, November 22, 2017
- "Obstruction and Why It Matters in Federal Investigations," *Law360*, August 16, 2017
- "Lowering the Bar: Courts Continue to Narrow the Scope of False Claims Act's Public Disclosure Rule," *Thomson Reuters Briefing Papers*, November 2015
- "Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege to Protect the Company," *The National Law Journal*, November 2012
- "Recent Amendments to the Sentencing Guidelines: New Incentives to Create Effective Compliance Programs and Disclose Criminal Activity," *Journal of Health Care Compliance*, May 2011
- "Criminalizing Management Decisions: Prosecuting the Responsible Corporate Officer," *Criminal Litigation, American Bar Association*, Volume 11, Number 1, November 2010

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Moderator, "Managing Your Brand When Crisis Strikes," 2019 Courageous Counsel Leadership Institute, Chicago, January 30, 2019
- Speaker, "US DOJ and SEC Enforcement Priorities," Dentons CLE Seminar for In-House Counsel, Kansas City, MO, May 18, 2018
- Speaker, "Responding Effectively to Government Investigations," Dentons US LLP Inaugural Dallas Government Contracts Briefing, Dallas, TX, December 2017
- Speaker, "Culture Eats Strategy for Lunch: The Importance of a Holistic View of Compliance," Institute on Law and Public Policy, Omaha, NE, November 2017
- Speaker, "Crafting an Ethical Culture," Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Command Staff In-Service, Kansas City, MO, November 2017
- Speaker, "Will You Hear the Whistle? Whistleblowers and Internal Investigations," Federal Express Corporation in-house CLE, Memphis, TN, November 2016
- Speaker, "The Laboratory Executive's Role in Establishing a Culture of Ethical Behavior," 2016 ACIL meeting, Washington, DC, April 2016
- Moderator, "Leading Through Crisis," Courageous Counsel Leadership Institute, New York, NY, November 2015
- Speaker, "Federal Investigations of Law Enforcement Agencies," the International Chiefs of Police

Association (IACP) Legal Officers Training, May 18, 2015

- Moderator, "Becoming a Leader of Business," Women's Legal Leadership Development Workshop, Kansas City, MO, September 2015
- Speaker and panelist, "Significant Legal Developments in the Central and Midwest Regions," ABA's 29th Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime, New Orleans, LA, March 2015
- Speaker, "Effective Strategies in Government Investigations," National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) Forum on Lab Accreditation, Washington, DC, February 2015
- Moderator, "Litigation Trends Affecting In-House Counsel," Women, Influence, Power, and the Law conference, Washington, DC, October 2013
- Speaker, "Advanced Investigative Strategies: Investigating to Win in Litigation," Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Mid-America Chapter - CLE, Kansas City, MO, August 2013
- Speaker, "Protecting Confidential Communications in Government Litigation," in-house counsel education program sponsored by Dentons, Kansas City and St. Louis, MO, June 2013
- Speaker, "Advanced Investigative Strategies: Investigating to Win in Litigation," Federal Express Corporation in-house counsel CLE, Memphis, TN, May 2013

Memberships

- Board of Directors, DeLaSalle Education Center, 2019
- Board of Directors, Youth Ambassadors, 2015–present
- Board of Directors, Impact KC, 2010–2012;

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate Governance
- Internal Investigations
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Public Policy and Regulation
- White Collar and Government Investigations
- Government Contracts - US

Industry sectors

- Government
- Financial Institutions

Region

- United States

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, 1995, JD
- University of Kansas, 1992, BA

Admissions and qualifications

- Iowa
- Missouri
- US District Court for the District of Kansas
- US District Court for the Western District of Missouri