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Katherine McGrath is special counsel in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's San Diego (Downtown) office.

Areas of Practice

Katherine is a former Federal Prosecutor and a seasoned trial lawyer who represents clients in complex and high-profile matters in state and federal courts. Kathrine also represents clients in government investigations and enforcement actions.

In addition to representing clients in litigation, Katherine also counsels clients on a wide range of regulatory matters, particularly in the healthcare field.

Prior to joining the firm, Katherine spent nearly a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California. In that role, she led complex, multi-year investigations, prosecuted hundreds of cases, and tried numerous cases to verdict. She also held key leadership roles in the office, including serving as the district's Human Trafficking Coordinator, Elder Fraud Coordinator, and Victims' Rights Coordinator. Before joining DOJ, Katherine worked as an associate at another major law firm, where she represented large corporations in complex litigation in both federal and state court.

Articles

- "How A Former Employee's Privilege Against Self Incrimination Can Incriminate Your Company—And What You Can Do About It," Fraud & Abuse, American Health Lawyers Association, December 2013

Healthcare Law Blog Posts

- "DOJ Civil Rights Fraud Initiative Will Use the False Claims Act to Target Antisemitism and DEI Programs," June 10, 2025

Memberships

Emeritus Director, RunWomenRun
Member, Federal Bar Association
Member, Lawyer's Club of San Diego

Member, San Diego Irish American Bar Association

Practices

Litigation

Industries

Healthcare

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, 2012

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 2006

Clerkships

Extern to Justice James Lambden, California Court of Appeal, (Ret.), First District

Admissions

California

U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit