

# TRAILBLAZERS

## CRIMINAL LAW

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**PIONEER SPIRIT** When Erin Sloane graduated law school in 2003 during the WorldCom and Enron investigations and later watched the prosecution of Arthur Andersen, she was introduced to a whole new investigation practice area. After her first case investigating acting fraud in retail, she became involved with the FCPA while working on the investigation of York International. “I loved everything about the FCPA work—the travel, the cultural overlays and the back and forth with the DOJ and SEC. So for 15 years I have focused on reactive cross-border investigations and proactive counseling on global compliance programs.”

**TRAILS BLAZED** With her recent DOJ appointment as the independent FCPA compliance monitor for a global health care company with a market capitalization of \$20 billion, Sloane becomes one of only four women appointed to a monitorship since 2004. “Candidates tend to be more senior or former prosecutors, so my selection is a bit unusual not only because I’m one of few women, but also with it being so early in my career.” The highly competitive appointment runs for two years and reflects the subject-matter expertise she has gained and developed by advising and defending companies in her global FCPA and anti-corruption practice. “My goal is to get the company, Fresenius Medical Care, into compliance so they don’t have to be subject to another investigation.”

**FUTURE EXPLORATIONS** Sloane believes the enforcement of FCPA and other acts, including sanction violations and anti-money laundering, will continue to stay robust, and we will continue to see increased domestic and foreign enforcement activity. “The globalization of enforcement beyond just U.S. regulators will hopefully mitigate overall corruption in the marketplace. But a lot of that is still in the early stages. I hope to practice at the forefront of these issues to help my clients combat legal exposure.”