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Alyssa DaCunha's practice focuses on government and internal investigations and crisis management assistance. She has represented major corporations and individuals in criminal, civil and congressional matters, and has provided strategic counsel to companies facing complex regulatory issues at the intersection of law, policy and business. Ms. DaCunha has particular experience in international anti-corruption issues and has represented both companies and individuals in corruption-related investigations and advised global financial institutions on anti-corruption policies and compliance.

Ms. DaCunha also maintains an active pro bono practice. She has represented a foster family seeking permanent guardianship of a foster child and has represented a Washington DC public charter school advocacy group in a funding equity suit.

Prior to beginning her legal studies, Ms. DaCunha worked at the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice and the US Embassy in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Ms. DaCunha served as a US delegate to the 2014 American Council on Germany Young Leaders Program.

Solutions

Crisis Management and
Strategic Response
Litigation

Cross-Border Investigations
and Compliance
White Collar Defense and
Investigations

Investigations

Experience

Recent Highlights

- Representing a global financial institution in connection with a congressional investigation relating to offshore banking by US taxpayers and cross-border business practices
- Obtaining total dismissal with prejudice of all claims against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who was sued (in his personal capacity) by the SEC for securities fraud
- Counseling a global financial institution on anti-corruption policies and conducting training in new policies and procedures
- Advising a major activist hedge fund in connection with a Senate Aging Committee inquiry regarding drug price increases
- Counseling a global social media company in connection with a Senate Commerce Committee inquiry regarding alleged suppression of content
- Advising an asset management firm in conjunction with a congressional investigation into high-frequency trading practices
- Representing several entities and individuals in FCPA and corruption-related investigations
- Representing a renewable energy company facing a congressional inquiry relating to the Department of Energy loan-guarantee program
- Representing a former senior aide to Senator John Edwards in a federal criminal trial
- Counsel for secret service agent in connection with high-profile inquiry regarding Presidential visit to South America

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, George Mason University
School of Law, 2010

summa cum laude

*Editor-in-Chief, George Mason
Law Review, Winner, 2009 Philip
C. Jessup International Law
Mid-Atlantic Moot Court
Competition*

BA, International Affairs, The
George Washington University,
2006

summa cum laude

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
Virginia

CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. J.L. Edmondson, US
Court of Appeals for the
Eleventh Circuit, 2010 - 2011

LANGUAGES

Portuguese