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BIOGRAPHY

Krysta Liveris focuses on representing individuals, executives, healthcare providers, and corporations under federal investigation or charged with a criminal offense.

Krysta joined McKay Chadwell, PLLC in February 2011 where her focus has been defending those accused of federal white collar crimes. Before joining McKay Chadwell, Krysta worked within the justice system as a prosecutor at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Understanding how a prosecutor views a case, having worn that hat herself, allows Krysta to more successfully negotiate for her clients, as she better appreciates which arguments a prosecutor will respect and which might fall short.

She takes pride in fighting vigorously for her clients at every stage of a case: during an investigation, through charges, negotiations, and trial, or presenting a compelling sentencing memorandum to the court. Providing a strong defense at an early stage, Krysta's clients are in a better position to avoid charges altogether or to receive a mitigated resolution.

Krysta's clients are frequently faced with multifaceted problems arising from one incident. For example, at the same time the United States Attorney's Office alleges that a physician violated the Controlled Substances Act, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seeks to revoke the physician's DEA registration, and the Washington State Department of Health investigates whether the provider's license to practice should be suspended. Similar situations with criminal, administrative, and civil exposure arise when a client is investigated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Krysta and McKay Chadwell are uniquely qualified to provide clients with quality representation in all these areas.

Krysta graduated cum laude from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2007 and has been practicing law in Washington State for nearly a decade. While in law school, she wrote for the Consumer Law Review and volunteered significant amounts of time for the Illinois Attorney General, criminal division.

EDUCATION

- J.D., *cum laude*, Loyola University Chicago
- B.A., DePaul University, *Political Science* (with a minor in Economics)

COURT & BAR ADMISSIONS

Court Admission

- United States District Court, Western District of Washington

Bar Admission

- Washington

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Successfully defended a local medical provider who was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for diverting prescription painkillers. McKay Chadwell aggressively litigated discovery issues with the government and secured an extraordinary order compelling discovery from the federal investigating agency. After contentious negotiations with both the Department of Justice (DOJ) and local prosecutors, McKay Chadwell secured a reduction in charge from felony to misdemeanor offenses and obtained a deferred sentence through a compelling sentencing memorandum.
- Defended a physician accused of sexual misconduct with a patient before the Washington State Department of Health. Working proactively with her client to address the Department's concerns, McKay Chadwell presented sufficient mitigation evidence to convince the Department to allow the client to continue to practice medicine, with only limited restrictions.
- Negotiated a favorable resolution with the Washington State's Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) on behalf of three clients. Prior to retaining McKay Chadwell, DFI had pursued its investigation against the clients for years. After negotiating with DFI the firm was able to fully resolve the case to the clients' satisfaction, allowing each to continue to practice in the securities industry.
- Represented a healthcare provider in formal proceedings initiated by the Washington State Department of Health after her client had admitted to diverting narcotics. Through a series of negotiations with the Department's staff attorney and Assistant Attorney General, McKay Chadwell resolved the case in a manner that allowed the client to continue to practice. The firm

also assisted her client in obtaining a new DEA registration after her client had previously surrendered it.

- Successful pre-indictment representation of three former board members of a company under federal criminal investigation. While initially the clients were subjects of the criminal investigation, none were ultimately charged, although the company and its CEO were indicted. McKay Chadwell worked with the federal prosecutors to obtain proffer agreements and assist the clients in preparing for testimony before the grand jury, which culminated in the government's decision to decline prosecution. Using the same evidence, the firm also favorably resolved a parallel Securities and Exchange Commission administrative investigation on behalf of one of these clients.

PUBLIC & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL)
- Federal Bar Association (FBA), Western District of Washington
- Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)
- King County Bar Association (KCBA)
- Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys (WSSHA)
- Women's White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA), Seattle Chapter
- American Civil Liberties Union, Pro Bono work
- Puget Soundkeeper, Volunteer
- University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law, Events Judge
- NAACP, Legal Redress Chair
- Legal Voice, Reproductive Rights Policy Workgroup, Volunteer