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Bianca Valcarce is a member of the firm's Litigation practice group, where she counsels clients on a variety of civil, criminal and regulatory matters with a focus on government investigations and white-collar criminal defense; environmental liability and enforcement; complex commercial litigation; and internal investigations and regulatory compliance. Bianca has experience representing large corporations, senior-level executives, individual business owners, government contractors and health care providers across the pharmaceutical, medical device, health care, manufacturing, construction, transportation and financial services industries.

In her white-collar practice, Bianca regularly represents clients facing regulatory inquiries, civil complaints and criminal prosecution at federal and state levels. She has experience guiding clients in reacting and responding to subpoenas, search warrants and information requests from various law enforcement and regulatory agencies, including the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), state Attorneys General across the country, and various federal and local environmental protection agencies. Bianca also has experience conducting internal investigations and assisting organizations of all sizes in developing compliance strategies and managing risk.

Bianca has extensive knowledge of and experience with the False Claims Act (FCA), including the defense of *qui tam* actions, and Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS) allegations, as well as a broad array of experience related to allegations of health care fraud, financial and business frauds, securities violations, environmental crimes, racketeering, antitrust violations, discrimination and harassment, mail and wire fraud, and conspiracy.

Bianca has particular experience with the unique and ever-changing legal and regulatory scheme impacting the health care, pharmaceutical, and medical device industries. This experience includes matters involving Medicare/Medicaid billing fraud; physician referrals; HIPAA and confidential health information; off-label marketing and promotion; patient assistance programs; co-pay foundations; physician speaker programs; generic drug pricing; FDA compliance issues; and other allegations of fraud, waste and abuse.

Environmental law also comprises a significant portion of Bianca's practice, wherein she regularly advises clients facing government investigation, regulatory enforcement and private litigation, including so-called "Citizen Suits," often instituted by environmental advocacy organizations. Bianca frequently defends manufacturers, former facility owner/operators, transportation companies, construction companies and real-estate holders with respect to alleged environmental violations, as well as plaintiff-individuals

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Health Care and Life Sciences
Environmental
White-Collar Criminal Defense
and Government
Investigations
Internal Investigations and
Regulatory Compliance
Complex Commercial
Litigation
Financial Services and Banking
Litigation
State Attorneys General
Manufacturing and Innovation
Real Estate, Development,
Construction

ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
District of Columbia
U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of Pennsylvania

experiencing negative environmental impacts. Bianca has provided sound counsel in matters concerning the Clean Air Act (CAA) and Clean Water Act (CWA), CERCLA, FIFRA and other federal and state environmental statutes, as well as administrative appeals and related common law tort claims. These engagements have concerned issues including oil spills, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), hazardous substances, anti-microbial coatings, and other regulated effluent and emissions.

Bianca also guides clients in navigating a variety of complex commercial and business litigation matters, including class action litigation, multi-district litigation and parallel proceedings. Bianca has also represented municipalities and served as conflicts counsel for state government agencies.

EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine (MBE, 2021)
 - Bioethics
- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 2018)
 - Dean's Fellow
 - Journal of Constitutional Law, Executive Editor
 - Inn of Court
- Reed College (B.A., 2015)
 - Psychology
 - Honor Council (Mediation Subcommittee, Chair)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Women's White Collar Defense Association, Philadelphia Chapter (Member)
- Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (PACDL) (Member)
- Federal Criminal Law Committee, Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Member)
- Philadelphia Bar Association (Member; Large Firm Associates Committee, Member)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association (Member)

ACCOLADES

- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2021-present)

LANGUAGES

- Italian
- Spanish

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Bianca gained experience as a law student serving as a legal intern and law clerk for the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorneys' Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Office of General Counsel for the University of

Pennsylvania and Penn Medicine Health System, the Defender Association of Philadelphia and the Penn Legal Assistance Office. She also served a summer associate at another Philadelphia-area law firm.

EXPERIENCE

Secured Immediate Release for Incarcerated Pro Bono Client

Represented a pro bono client through the Washington, D.C., nonprofit Second Look Project who had been incarcerated for more than 31 years. Following an evidentiary hearing, including a written submission and testimony from three witnesses, the judge immediately granted the client's motion and resentenced him, giving credit for time served and resulting in his immediate release from prison. Without this motion, the client would not have been eligible for parole for another 10-15 years.

Representation of Major International Pharma Company in Qui Tam Litigation

Represented a major international pharmaceutical company in *qui tam* litigation alleging violations of the False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute.

Representation in Putative Class Action Alleging RICO Violations

Represented corporate executives in putative class action cases across the country alleging violations of RICO statute in connection with fintech servicing relationships with banks and non-bank lenders.