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Daniella Gordon's practice includes internal investigations and criminal defense, as well as commercial construction litigation and employment defense. Known for her creative and zealous advocacy, Daniella has served as lead counsel in federal and state jury trials, including one of the few federal, white-collar jury trials to proceed in the Southern District of New York during the COVID-19 era. She has argued numerous appellate matters, including before the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Daniella's clients span various industries, including construction, health care and technology. In her white-collar and criminal defense practice, Daniella has counseled and defended clients in internal investigations, and through all phases of litigation. She has represented businesses and individuals in matters involving allegations of fraud, money laundering, false claims, public corruption, kickback schemes and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as well as in parallel regulatory proceedings.

In her commercial litigation practice, Daniella represents owners and contractors in a range of construction-related disputes, including defect claims, scope of work issues, differing site conditions, professional negligence, bid protests and injunctions. She has prevailed at trial in matters involving prompt payment statutes, and efforts to pierce the corporate veil. Daniella also has extensive experience drafting and negotiating construction agreements.

In her employment practice, Daniella leads internal investigations and represents entities and individuals in matters involving alleged harassment, discrimination and whistleblower retaliation. Daniella has also litigated Title IX disciplinary actions before university student conduct boards.

Daniella is a frequent speaker on criminal and construction-related topics. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Board of Directors for the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, and is the immediate past Co-Chair of the Construction Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Daniella is conversationally fluent in Russian.

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Daniella was a partner in a highly regarded regional law firm. She also previously served as a law clerk to the Hon. Robert G. Millenky, former Presiding Judge of the Civil Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey in Camden County, and interned for the Hon. Joseph H. Rodriguez in U.S. District Court for the

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

White-Collar Criminal Defense
and Government
Investigations
Internal Investigations and
Regulatory Compliance
Complex Commercial
Litigation
Construction Services
Employment and Labor
Appellate

ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court, District of
New Jersey
U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Federal Claims
U.S. Supreme Court

District of New Jersey.

EDUCATION

- Rutgers School of Law (J.D., 2005)
- Connecticut College (B.A., 2001)
 - Philosophy
- National Criminal Defense College, Trial Practice Institute (2015)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Board of Directors, 2015-present; Third Circuit Amicus Committee, Co-Vice Chair; Title IX Committee, Trial Penalty Task Force; White Collar Committee; Women in Criminal Defense Committee; Fourth Amendment Committee)
- New Jersey State Bar Association (Immediate Past Co-Chair, Construction Section)
- NAACP, Southern Burlington County Branch (Chair, Legal Redress and Criminal Justice Committees)
- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey (Board of Trustees, Member)
- Women in White Collar Defense Association, Philadelphia and New Jersey Chapters (Member)
- Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – New Jersey (Member)
- Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Member)
- Philadelphia – Israel Chamber of Commerce (Member)
- Russian Speaking Professionals Network of Philadelphia (Member)

ACCOLADES

- Construction Lawyers Society of America (Fellow, 2018-present)
- *New Jersey Super Lawyers*®, Criminal Defense: White Collar (2019-present); Rising Star (2016-2018)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Criminal Defense: White Collar (2021)
- Top Attorney, White-Collar Crime, South Jersey Magazine (2016, 2019, 2021)
- Nelson B. Rivers, III, Excellence Award, Southern Burlington County NAACP (2015)
- “Awesome Attorney,” South Jersey Magazine (2013-2014)
- Advocacy Award, Center for Forensic and Economic Studies (2005)
- Class of 1995 Graduation Award for Public Service, Rutgers School of Law (2005)
- Mary Philbrook Award for Public Interest Law, Rutgers School of Law (2004)

LANGUAGES

- Russian

EXPERIENCE

Investigation of SDVOSB in Matter Involving Set-Aside Funds in Federal Procurement Projects

Led the investigation of a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) in connection with set-aside funds in federal procurement projects.

Tax and Compliance Investigation for Billion-Dollar International Company

Led investigation for a billion-dollar EU-based business and U.S. subsidiary in a matter involving tax and compliance issues.

Averted Prosecution of Nonprofit in Corruption Probe

Averted prosecution of 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity in connection with corruption probe into award of government contracts.

Federal Criminal Investigation Involving Government Financing

Represented individual in federal criminal investigation regarding misappropriation of funds in procurement project involving government financing.

Represented Client in Alleged Fraud Scheme Case

Represented individual in a case alleging a wide-ranging fraud scheme involving numerous technology companies.

Represented Employee in FCPA Investigation

Represented employee of international business entity in connection with investigation into securities and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations.

Successful Result in Securities Enforcement Action after Federal Indictment

Settled securities enforcement action involving alleged Ponzi scheme in which government claimed over \$10 million of loss for \$23,000 fine, with no admission; obtained pretrial diversion for client after federal indictment.

Obtained Dismissal in Title IX Case for Large University Client

Obtained full dismissal of Title IX sexual misconduct charges for student at large university after full investigation; obtained full dismissal of related criminal matter.

Successful Result in Trial Over Business Partnership Theft

Secured a “not guilty” verdict after trial in matter involving allegations of theft from business partnership.

Successful Result in Alleged Reckless Manslaughter Case

Secured a “not guilty” verdict after jury trial involving charges of reckless manslaughter.

Successful Result for Client in DUI Matters

Secured “not guilty” verdicts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for driving under the influence.

\$1 Million Summary Judgment for Contractor in Fraud Case

Obtained summary judgment of a million-dollar claim for contractor accused of negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of teaming agreement by subcontractor in connection with federal construction project.

Successful Negotiation of False Claims Case for Contractor

Successfully negotiated settlement for alleged false claims on behalf of contractor whose preferential status as a “local business enterprise” was being challenged by the government; averted civil and criminal investigation into previous contract awards.

Successful Result for Developer in Construction Delay Suit

Secured significant settlement for developer in multimillion-dollar action against numerous design professionals for delays caused by survey and site plan errors.

Represented Pharmacy Owner in Business Divorce Litigation

Represented pharmacy owner in business divorce litigation and separate claim for wrongful distribution of sale of proceeds of additional pharmacy.

Represented Commercial Subcontractor in Breach of Contract, Payment Claims

Represented commercial construction subcontractor in claim for breach of contract, breach of prompt payment act against general contractor.

Represented Manufacturer in Employment and Labor Disputes

Represented international label manufacturer subsidiary in connection with various labor and employment disputes.

Defended Client in Federal Indictment Alleging Fraud, Money Laundering

Defended individual in federal indictment involving allegations of fraud and money laundering in connection with foreign-based, U.S. government funded, public infrastructure project.

Federal Fraud and Money Laundering Investigation

Defended former CFO of several medical practices in federal investigation involving fraud and money laundering.

Representation in Narcotics Trafficking Case

Represented individual charged in federal court with trafficking large quantity of narcotics cross-country.

Obtained Fraud Verdicts on Behalf of Client in Commercial Construction Matter

Prevailed at trial in piercing corporate veil of alter ego entity and obtained fraud verdicts against multiple individuals in connection with commercial construction project.

Defended Client in Alleged Hostile Work Environment, Harassment Matter

Defended subsidiary of international company in matter involving alleged hostile work environment and sexual harassment in workplace.

Successful Negotiation of Alleged False Claims for Contractor

Successfully negotiated settlement involving alleged false claims on behalf of contractor in connection with public “set-aside” contracts; averted civil and criminal investigation into previous contract awards.

Local Counsel for Auto Manufacturer in Emissions Litigation

Local counsel for individuals and entities in federal and state court litigation in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including, for instance, diesel emissions litigation for a major auto manufacturer.

\$1.1 Million Settlement for Plaintiff in Civil Rights Claim

Settled federal civil rights claim on behalf of plaintiff in police-shooting/excessive force case for \$1.1 million.

Successful Result for State Police Officer in Gender Discrimination Case

Recovered significant settlement for former New Jersey state police officer in

connection with claims of gender discrimination.