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Ariana Seldman Hawbecker

Ms. Hawbecker practices both civil and criminal litigation. She has handled a variety of disputes in Federal and state courts and in alternative dispute resolution forums, including FINRA. Ms. Hawbecker has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in complex business and real estate disputes, qui tam “whistleblower” actions, personal injury cases, and copyright, trademark and trade secret disputes.

Ms. Hawbecker’s criminal defense experience includes representing witnesses in association with state and federal criminal investigations and investigations involving other governmental bodies, including the SEC. She has also represented individuals under investigation and charged with a variety of crimes, including general, securities, and healthcare fraud, violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the Economic Espionage Acts, and tax crimes.

Representative matters Ariana has handled in recent years include:

- An electrician injured by an arc flash on an offshore oil platform, securing a multi-million dollar jury verdict.
- An elderly couple in an action against trusted employees who secreted millions of dollars from their longstanding business.
- Individuals in nationwide parallel civil and regulatory investigations involving a public company in the education sector.
- A company investigated for environmental crimes.
- A professional investigated for tax fraud.
- Whistleblowers in qui tam actions against public companies.
- An executive accused of violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act in association with business on multiple continents.
- An individual who brought an arbitration claim against a large, public investment firm.
- A collector who sued an antiques dealer for failing to provide promised goods.

Following graduation from law school at University of California at Berkeley, Ms. Hawbecker was a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Humboldt. Ms. Hawbecker then practiced at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and Donahue Gallagher Woods LLP in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ms. Hawbecker joined Bienert, Miller & Katzman, PLC in 2008.