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Chelsea focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on government investigations and litigation under the federal False Claims Act (FCA). She has experience defending clients in both federal and state FCA litigation, as well as conducting internal investigations on behalf of defense contractors and corporations.

She has represented clients in all phases of action under the FCA, from responding to civil investigative demands and administrative subpoenas to representing clients in qui tam lawsuits and direct actions. Chelsea has managed large-volume discovery in high-stakes litigation, including handling depositions and orchestrating complex document productions.

Chelsea has helped her clients navigate large-scale government investigations from agencies, including the Department of Justice, NASA Office of the Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and Air Force Office of Special Investigations. She has effectively persuaded DOJ and others not to pursue litigation in these investigations. To that end, Chelsea has drafted whitepapers and response letters to the US Attorney's Office on behalf of her clients, conducted extensive internal investigations, and prepared clients for government interviews.

Outside of the office, Chelsea is committed to volunteering and giving back to her community. She is a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Young Lawyer Section (YLS) Board, serving as co-chair of the Mock Trial Committee. The committee helps organize and host the Cincinnati-area district and regional mock trial competition sponsored by the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education. She also volunteers on a monthly basis as part of the Adopt-A-Class program at a local elementary school, and she represents indigent community members in expungement hearings.

Chelsea received her J.D. magna cum laude and as Order of the Coif from Indiana University, Maurer School of Law. While there, she was a member of the Indiana Law Journal and was selected to the distinguished position of Dean's Writing Fellow, where she worked one on one with Legal Research and Writing faculty to tutor and mentor 1L students in their entry-level writing courses. She also served as a teaching assistant in the Advanced Legal Research course. As a certified legal intern, Chelsea gained valuable pretrial and courtroom experience working in a major metropolitan prosecutor's office's Special Victims Unit.

Prior to joining the firm, she was an assistant professor of Communication, teaching for several years at a private Indiana junior college.

Services

- Litigation
- False Claims Act

Education

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2018)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Indiana Law Journal, online editor
 - Dean's Writing Fellow
 - CALI Award in Contracts
- Purdue University (M.A., 2010)
 - Organizational Communication
- Saint Mary's College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2007)
 - Communication studies

Bar Admissions

- Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Affiliations/Memberships

- Cincinnati Bar Association
 - Young Lawyer Section, board member
 - Mock Trial Committee, co-chair
- Adopt-A-Class, volunteer