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Practice Areas

Business & Commercial
Litigation
Corporate Compliance &
White Collar Defense
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Health Care
Health Care Reform
Resource Center

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1974

Education

Tulane University Law
School, J.D., 1974
Loyola University New
Orleans, B.A., 1971



Pauline Hardin has more than 30 years of experience litigating criminal matters and more than 20 years of experience litigating business, commercial, and labor matters. She has tried more than 150 jury trials. She is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group, litigating criminal and commercial issues. She was previously the head of the Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group at Jones Walker.

Ms. Hardin has significant experience with health care fraud defense. She has represented both corporations and individuals in numerous civil and criminal proceedings involving health care issues. Ms Hardin has worked with the numerous government entities to resolve these cases, such as the United States Attorney's Office and the U.S. Department of Justice. She has also been the lead trial attorney on a number of health care fraud cases involving wide spectrum of areas, such as quality of care, False Claims Act (FCA), and Anti-Kickback laws.

Ms. Hardin worked with the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana and served as both First Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of the Criminal Division. Prior to that time, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in charge of the Orleans Parish Fraud Unit. A fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1994, she has served on its Federal Criminal Procedure Committee.

Noteworthy

- Listed in *Benchmark Litigation 2011* as Highly Recommended
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Criminal Defense: White Collar (listed annually since 2005)

- Recognized in "*Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business*" in the area of Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (annually since 2006)
- Named to *New Orleans CityBusiness*' 2009 Leadership in Law
- Listed in the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Criminal Defense: White Collar (listed annually since 2007)
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

Presentations

- "Company Indemnification of Employees for Criminal Matters"
April 2012
- "Pleading the Fifth Amendment in Civil Litigation"
New Orleans Bar Association's 2011 Bench Bar Conference, April 15, 2011
- "Federal Tax Crimes"
LSBA 3rd Annual White Collar Crime Symposium, April 8, 2011
- "Health Care Fraud & Compliance: Updates, Trends, and Where To Go From Here" (Baton Rouge)
September 14, 2010
- "Grand Jury Practice"
Louisiana State Bar Association, April 9, 2010
- "Ethical Minefields in Complex Criminal Cases"
Louisiana State Bar Association, December 4, 2009
- "Corporate Independent Internal Investigations, Including Corporate Compliance Programs"
Louisiana State Bar Association White Collar Conference, April 17, 2009
- "Grand Jury Investigations: How it Impacts Civil Lawyers"
New Orleans Bar Association 2009 Bench Bar Conference, March 13, 2009
- "Ethical and Professionalism Issues Arising from Criminal Inquiries to a Corporation and its Officers"
16th Annual Alvin B. Rubin Symposium, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 15, 2008

Publications

- "Negligence and Respondeat Superior as Environmental Crimes"
The Louisiana Environmental Lawyer, Vol. 6, No. 2, Spring 2000
- "Environmental Criminal Law"
Louisiana Environmental Handbook, No. 2, Chapter 29, 1997

Memberships

- American Bar Association (Member, Section on Criminal Justice, White Collar Crime Subsection)
- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Tulane University Law School (Instructor, Trial Advocacy)

Court Admissions

5th Cir., 1981
11th Cir., 1981
D.C. Cir., 1991
E.D. La., 1975
M.D. La., 1988
W.D. La., 1988