

Beth Forsythe

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Companies and individuals trust Beth to guide them through their most sensitive fraud investigations and related civil litigation

A former CPA, Beth speaks the language of business. She defends board and executives against government investigations into potential FCPA violations and accounting fraud, litigates civil frauds and earnout cases, and advises companies on compliance to mitigate the risks associated with bribery and corruption. Clients trust Beth to apply good judgment and pursue the best possible outcome for them.

In her white collar and corporate investigations practice, Beth plans and conducts effective internal investigations and represents those under investigation by federal or state authorities for Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") violations, securities fraud, health care fraud, mortgage fraud, and public corruption. Beth also routinely provides anti-corruption/FCPA due diligence and compliance advisory services, including program development, board presentations, and employee training. Beth's approach to investigations is to quickly and accurately define the scope of the issue; her goal is to help clients fully resolve the issue at hand without wasting their resources. In her civil practice, Beth focuses on complex commercial disputes and government litigation, drawing on her background as a certified public accountant (her license is on inactive status) to help clients resolve matters involving complex accounting, securities, and other financial issues. Beth also serves on Dorsey's Management Committee.

Select Experience

- Represented a safety equipment company in a DOJ FCPA investigation involving its operations in Mexico, which DOJ closed without assessing penalties or fines, and without public disclosure of the investigation.
- Conducted an internal investigation on behalf of a wellness company with respect to transactions involving potential FCPA violations in Italy, Russia, and former Soviet

Education

- University of St. Thomas School of Law (J.D., 2006)
 - *magna cum laude*;
Editor-in-Chief,
University of St. Thomas Law Journal
- Drake University (B.S., Accounting, 2000)
 - *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Republic countries.

- Conducted an internal investigation on behalf of a professional consulting company with respect to a transaction involving a potential FCPA violation in Qatar.
- Conducted an internal investigation on behalf of the audit committee of a public technology manufacturing company with respect to transactions involving possible bribery in Singapore and Taiwan.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Minnesota Zoo, Member of the Board of Directors (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- Great North Innocence Project, Member of the Board of Directors
- University of St. Thomas School of Law, Former Member of the Alumni Advisory Board
- Connections to Independence, Member of the Board of Directors

Clerkships

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Diana E. Murphy

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, Minnesota, 2024-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Legal 250, 2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2024-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024, 2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*® *Women's Edition*, 2024-2025
- Thomson Reuters, "Stand-Out Lawyers," 2024-2025
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, The POWER 30: Business Litigation, 2021-2022
- Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, Minnesota Racial Equity Challenge Certification, 2021
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2016-2019
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2012-2015, 2019

Additional Information

- U.S. Editor, Dorsey's *Anti-Corruption Digest*
- Editor, Dorsey's *FCA Now* Blog

Select Presentations

- Panelist, Investigations and Whistleblowing: How to Proceed When an Investigation Reveals Criminal Conduct or Other Improprieties, Dorsey Labor & Employment Conference (2015)
- Moderator and Conference Organizer, Dorsey Anti-Corruption Conference (2015)
- Panelist, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Panel, Dorsey Import-Export Conference

(2013)

Insights

March 12, 2026

DOJ Releases “First-Ever” Corporate Enforcement Policy Promoting Self-Disclosure and Cooperation

June 18, 2025

New DOJ Guidelines Mark the End of the FCPA Enforcement “Pause”

February 11, 2025

Should Your Company Shut Down Its Anti-Corruption Compliance Program and Start Paying Bribes? Here Are a Few Reasons to Think Twice Before Doing So.

February 10, 2025

What Companies and Higher Education Institutions Need to Know Regarding DOJ’s New Memoranda to Enforce the Administration’s Directive to “End Illegal DEI” Practices and for the “Total Elimination of Cartels and Transnational Criminal Organizations”

February 2, 2024

New Landmark Foreign Extortion Prevention Act Targets the Demand Side of Foreign Bribery Schemes

April 26, 2023

U.S. Treasury Department Takes Action Against Russian Darkmarket Entity as Latest Government Move Against Cybercrime

June 4, 2021

Biden Describes Combating Corruption as National Security Priority, Orders Interagency Review to Bolster Anti-Corruption Tools including Private Sector Partnerships

January 12, 2021

Dorsey Partner Beth Forsythe on Actualizing Diversity and Inclusion

September 21, 2020

RBG: Legal community recalls a trailblazer

June 16, 2020

The Convergence: Feds Level First Hybrid Healthcare- and Securities-fraud Charges Arising from COVID-19 Marketing and Sales

March 26, 2020

**LANDMARK CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT: A
Practical Guide**

Stimulus Acts 2020-2021

Stimulus Acts

March 2, 2020

**UPDATE: Trial Court Overturns Former Alstom Executive's Foreign Corrupt
Practices Act Convictions**

November 15, 2019

**Former Alstom Executive Convicted of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Charges on
Agency Theory**

October 16, 2019

**Organizations Facing Criminal Fines May Be Able To Reduce Them Upon A Proper
Showing Of Inability To Pay**