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OVERVIEW

An experienced litigator, Jennifer guides clients through high-stakes government investigations and complex litigation matters.

Jennifer focuses much of her practice on white collar cases and related internal and government investigations and counseling. She assists clients throughout the investigation, offering guidance on the process, advising companies and their employees on their response to the government, and representing clients if litigation occurs. She has experience defending clients before many federal agencies, including the Department of Justice (DOJ), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Institute of Health (NIH), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). While Jennifer aims to resolve matters through settlement before charges or lawsuits are filed, her 20-plus years as a litigator provide considerable experience should litigation arise.

While Jennifer's white collar and investigation work spans a variety of industries, she also has a particularly strong background in healthcare, where she continues to represent clients in licensing, regulatory, peer review, and administrative matters, as well as medical malpractice claims and litigation against providers and medical device manufacturers. She has also defended numerous national and global clients in real estate, employment, products liability, personal injury, and general commercial litigation.

Jennifer is also part of Husch Blackwell's eDiscovery Solutions team, assisting with legal holds, data identification, preservation and collection of data, and data

Industries

Education

Healthcare

Life Sciences

Services

Commercial Litigation

eDiscovery Solutions

False Claims Act

Healthcare Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

White Collar, Internal Investigations, & Compliance

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review and production in response to government investigations and litigation. These cases often require massive data review and eDiscovery support, and Jennifer has extensive experience managing and guiding large data review teams. Jennifer's extensive electronic data management experience provides clients with an added level of support and continuity throughout the investigation and litigation process.

However, what Jennifer loves most about her practice is simply the client contact: a people person by nature, she thrives on building relationships with clients and walking them through each step of an investigation or litigation matter. Jennifer understands that these are high-stakes, high-stress events that turn clients' lives upside down, and she provides accessible, straightforward counseling and strategies for resolution that help clients feel engaged and secure in the process.

Experience

- Successfully defended and resolved numerous medical malpractice cases against various healthcare providers, including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and individual providers.
- Obtained mandamus relief and order to vacate lower court decision regarding production of client's trade secrets.
- Won summary judgment in significant automotive product liability case involving death of driver.
- Obtained dismissals of licensing board complaints against health care providers at complaint, investigation and Informal Settlement Conference (ISC) stages.
- Defended numerous product liability actions resulting in defense verdicts and favorable settlements.
- Secured dismissal in federal court of False Claims Act case filed by Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).
- Defended clients against allegations of False Claims Act violations involving Medicaid and Medicare fraud resulting in successful settlement.
- Represented client against Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) allegations of insider trading.

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Experience

- Represented client against Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) allegations of cryptocurrency fraud.
- Represented client against allegations of improper acquisition of National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grants.
- Represented client in qui tam case involving allegations of Medicare fraud resulting in successful settlement.
- Represented client in False Claims Act cases involving allegations of false information related to disclosures of import duties resulting in successful settlement.
- Secured Petition for Writ of Mandamus in protection of client's trade secrets; *In re Daimler Trucks N. Am. LLC*, 551 S.W.3d 833 (Tex.App. San Antonio 2018, orig. proceeding).

Recognition

- *The Legal 500 United States*
    - E-discovery, Recommended lawyer, 2025 and 2026

Education

- J.D., University of Texas at Austin
    - Texas Review of Litigation
    - Public Interest Law Association
    - Asian Law Students Association
    - Housing Law Clinic
- B.A., University of California, Berkeley

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Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Community Leadership

- Austin Empty Bowl Project
- Austin Dog Rescue
- Austin Animal Center
- Griffin School, Board Member

The Legal 500 United States

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