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Meg Beasley represents clients across a wide range of industries in every level of federal and state court, as well as in agency forums. She provides counsel in matters including white collar defense, government investigations, Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), sanctions compliance, anti-money laundering, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), and cybersecurity and data breach response. Her practice involves frequent engagement with and presentations to the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission and state attorneys general.

As pro bono counsel, Meg represents incarcerated petitioners in both federal district and appellate courts, as well as petitioners seeking asylum with the United States Customs and Immigration Service and in Immigration Court.

Meg has been recognized in *Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation*, Litigation, Energy, White Collar and Cybersecurity (2023-2024) and *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2023-2025).

Prior to joining Bracewell, Meg served as law clerk to S. Bernard Goodwyn, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia. She has also completed internships with the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

Practices

[Government Enforcement & Investigations](#)

[Litigation](#)

[Financial Institutions Litigation](#)

[False Claims Act](#)

[FCPA](#)

[Data Security & Privacy](#)

Experience

Cryptocurrency fund

- representing client in connection with federal and state enforcement actions

Health care executive

- representation of president of provider in connection with federal investigation

Trucking company

- defended corporate and individual clients in connection with federal criminal charges of violations of the Clean Air Act

DNB Bank

- lenders' counsel for Serica Energy's new \$525 million reserve-based lending facility, including advising entire lending group on complex OFAC sanctions matters arising from sanctioned assets

Phillips 66

- successfully represented Phillips 66 Pipeline at FERC and on appeal against a complaint alleging discriminatory practices on its Blue Line East. Obtained dismissal of complaint by FERC, which was affirmed by the DC Circuit Court of Appeals, and denial of petition for writ of certiorari by the Supreme Court.

Public relations and communications firm

- advising on regulatory compliance issues

Energy infrastructure company

- advising on preparation and response to cyber attacks and incidents, and coordination with federal agencies in connection with related investigations

Oil producer

- advising on compliance with US money laundering, sanctions, export control and foreign corruption laws

Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.

- defended litigation at FERC over claims related to the 2000-2001 California energy crisis, including defense of legal challenge to long-term contract with the State of California

City in Southwestern US

- successful defense in an SEC enforcement investigation related to disclosure in municipal securities offering

Westlake Vinyls, Inc.

- defended owner of a chemical manufacturing facility in a cost allocation arbitration at a highly-complex Superfund site; successfully defended the arbitration agreement in a related appeal in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the validity of that agreement

Interstate natural gas pipeline company

- defended challenges to Clean Water Act Section 401 certifications and FERC certificate in the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Sixth and D.C. Circuits

Credentials

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2015, *honors*
- The George Washington University, B.A., 2010, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Virginia
- District of Columbia

Affiliations

- Women's White Collar Defense Association

Recognition

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2023 – 2025

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation*, Litigation, including Energy, White Collar and Cybersecurity, 2023 – 2024

Supreme Court of Virginia

- Law Clerk

U.S. Department of Justice

- Criminal Division, Fraud Section, Intern

Superior Court for the District of Columbia

- Intern

George Washington Criminal Appellate Clinic

- Student Attorney

George Washington University Law School

- *The George Washington International Law Review*, Executive Notes Editor
- Moot Court Board, Executive Board Member
- K.K. Luthra International Criminal Law Moot Court, Semi-finalist
- Van Vleck Constitutional Law Moot Court, Semi-finalist

Resources

DOJ to Companies: If You Step Up & Own Up, You Might Not Have to Pay Up

Update

Bittrex, the Crypto Platform Whose Motto Is to “Trade Beyond the Trend,” Runs Into OFAC’s Trend of Strict US Sanctions Enforcement

Update

TSA’s New Cyber Directive for Freight & Passenger Railroad Carriers are the Agency’s Latest Move to Keep the Nation on Track

Update

DOJ to Prosecutors: Think Twice and Ask Permission Before Charging

Update

Personal Devices and Messaging Platforms in the Workplace: Tips, Tactics and Best Practices for In-House Counsel

Article

SEC Cybersecurity Reporting Requirements for Public Companies: Applying Old Standards to New Risks

Update

DOJ Spotlights Voluntary Self Disclosure in M&A as it Adapts to New National Security Threats

Update

Lifting the Fog on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Enforcement and Compliance Trends to Watch in San Francisco

Update

“Export Controls Are the New Sanctions” and Other Enforcement Trends for 2024

Update

The Race to Report: DOJ Announces Pilot Whistleblower Program

Update

Beyond Whistleblowing: Additional Highlights From the Department of Justice at the 2024 ABA White Collar Conference

Update

Keeping an Eye on AI: DOJ Updates its Playbook for Corporate Compliance

Update

Enforcement Trends 2025: Magic 8 Ball Says “Try Again Later”

Update

An “Immutable” Force Meets an Immovable Object: OFAC’s Crypto Loss at the Fifth Circuit

Update

Will FARA Get a Facelift? DOJ Proposes Updated Regulations for the First Time in 15 Years

Update

Biden Administration Issues Sweeping Salvo of Sanctions Against the Russian Energy Sector

Update

Guiding Your Company Through Trump’s New Latin America Enforcement Policy

Update

Compliance: The UK Perspective

Article

Trump Administration Makes First Round of Cartel Foreign Terrorist Organization Designations with Focus on Mexico and Venezuela

Update

Trump Administration Efforts to Eliminate Cartels Pose Heightened Risk for Financial Institutions

Update

Post Liberation Day — “Secondary Tariffs” Raise Costs Even Higher for International Actors

Update

Publications & Speeches

- “Compliance: The UK Perspective,” *The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Investigations – Ninth Edition*, November 2024.
- “Non-Federal Infrastructure Projects and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Federal Courts: The Dakota Access and Keystone XL Pipelines,” *ABA Infrastructure Magazine*, Vol. 60, No. 2, Winter 2021
- “Dysfunctional Equivalence: Why the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention Provides Insufficient Guidance in the Era of Multinational Corporations,” 47 *Geo. Wash. Int’l L. Rev.* 191, 2015