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Legal Focus

Complex Commercial Litigation; White Collar Criminal Defense; Governmental and Public Entity Liability Defense; Title IX Litigation; E-Discovery.

Stacey is an experienced trial lawyer who has won multiple federal and state jury trials ranging from a complete defense verdict in a \$60 million Lanham Act case, to not guilty verdicts in international drug trafficking, first degree homicide, and driving under the influence of alcohol cases, among others.

Stacey's complex civil litigation experience includes cases alleging corporate, financial institution or individual liability arising from the business affairs of officers, directors, brokers/dealers, accountants, and other professionals, as well as breach of contract, breach of fiduciary obligations, fraud, bad faith, theft of trade secrets, defamation, infringement of intellectual property rights, Lanham Act violations, interference with business opportunities and other business torts. She also has significant experience in complex declaratory judgment actions seeking temporary restraining orders, preliminary and permanent injunctions, including on behalf of one of the world's largest money transmitters and its affiliates, other public and private companies, closely held businesses, and a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Trustee, among others.

Stacey has also represented various government entities and officials in civil and administrative proceedings, including defense of procurement fraud claims, representation of multiple university hearing boards in Title IX matters, and representation of the directors of a state agency in a federal civil rights class action under 42 U.S.C. §1983.

Stacey's complex criminal law experience includes representation of corporations and individuals against state and federal indictments, as well as in pre-indictment investigations and negotiations, in a wide array of criminal matters and parallel proceedings. Stacey has represented public and private companies, their officers, directors, managers and executives in internal investigations stemming from governmental investigations and enforcement actions, whistleblower complaints, and audits.

Stacey is an Arizona State Bar Certified Criminal Law Specialist. She has defended clients in criminal cases involving allegations of mail and wire fraud, bank fraud, money laundering, healthcare fraud, racketeering, forfeiture, narcotics trafficking and drug possession, immigration issues, computer fraud and abuse, firearms offenses, violations of injunctions against harassment and protective orders, and regulatory offenses. Stacey also has spent many months in India assisting a multi-national retail corporation in developing its global Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") compliance plan in conjunction with the client's defense of a Department of Justice investigation.

Stacey has argued cases before the Arizona Supreme Court and Arizona Court of Appeals and has submitted winning appellate briefs in both civil and criminal cases. Most recently, Stacey helped secure an Arizona Supreme Court victory on behalf of a European country on the question of whether its multi-million dollar judgment should be recognized under Arizona's Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act. Read the full published opinion [here](#).

Stacey is a former Division Director of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, the Annual Meeting Co-Chair for the Women's White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA), the Southwest Region Co-Chair of the American Bar Association White Collar Crime Committee of the Criminal Justice Section, , and has served as a panelist or speaker at various seminars for professional organizations, the judiciary, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), and the Arizona State University College of Law.

Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1993, *cum laude*.

University of Texas at Austin, B.A. 1990, with High Honors and Special Honors in Liberal Arts

Court Admissions

State Bar of Arizona 1993

- Board Certified Specialist in Criminal Law 1995 - Present

U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona 1993

Colorado Bar 1995

District of Columbia Bar 1995

Professional Memberships & Achievements

American Bar Association, 1993 – Present

- Division Director, ABA Section of Litigation, 2012-2014
- Co-Chair, ABA Criminal Justice Section, White Collar Crime Southwest Region Subcommittee, 2008 – Present
- Co-Chair, ABA Section of Litigation, Criminal Litigation Committee, 2009-2012
- Editor in Chief and Sub-Committee Chair, ABA Section of Litigation, Pretrial Practice & Discovery Committee Website, 2003-2010

Women's White Collar Defense Association, 2013-present

- Annual Meeting Co-Chair, 2019 – Present
- Small Firm Initiative, 2020 – Present
- Program Committee, 2018 – Present

Best Lawyers, 2010 - 2021

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Super Lawyers

- Top 25 Women Arizona Super Lawyers: 2013-2021
- Top 50 Arizona Super Lawyers: 2015-2019

State Bar of Arizona Criminal Rules Committee, 2001-2003 and 2008 to 2016

Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, 1993 - present

- Board of Governors, 1999-2000

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1993 - Present

Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, 2019 - Present

Arizona Bar Foundation, Board of Directors, 1997-2002

Maricopa County Bar Association, 1993 – Present

Awards

American Bar Association

- Outstanding Subcommittee Chair, Section of Litigation Pretrial Practice & Discovery Committee, 2008-2009
- Outstanding Committee Website Award, Section of Litigation Pretrial Practice & Discovery Committee Website, 2005-2006
- Section of Litigation Outstanding Service Award, 2003-2004

Maricopa County Bar Association

- CLE Program Development Excellence Award, 2000

Publications & Presentations

National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), Faculty

- Arizona Deposition Program, February 2020, November 2016, November 2014, November 2013, November 2011, October 2008, October 2007, November 2006, October 2005, October 2004
- Building Trial Skills (New Orleans), January 2019
- Critical Trial Skills for Legal Services Attorneys (NITA & American Bar Association), Phoenix, May 31 – June 1, 2014
- Las Vegas Deposition Program, February 2010 and March 2008
- Gulf Coast Deposition Program, April 2008, May 2007 and May 2006

American Bar Association, National Institute on White Collar Crime

- Western Region Panel Moderator: 2018, 2017 and 2016

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law

- Guest Faculty, The Litigation Experience – Deposition Skills: Spring 2015, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012

Other

- What Civil Lawyers Need to Know About White Collar Criminal Law, Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, St. Andrews, Scotland, April 2019
- Hot Topics in Insider Trading—Civil, Criminal & Insurance Perspectives, American Bar Association, The Women of the Section of Litigation, Chicago, November 6, 2014

- Arizona & Federal Computer Crime Update, State Bar of Arizona White Collar Crime Conference, February 26, 2014
- Hot Topics in Securities Liability for Corporate Officers & Directors, American Bar Association Corporate Counsel Seminar, February 17, 2012
- The Do's & Don'ts of Criminal Complaints in Civil Proceedings, State Bar of Arizona White Collar Crime Conference, September 8, 2011
- Understanding the Criminal Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation Annual Conference, April 15, 2011
- Ethical Pitfalls - What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Criminal Issues in Civil Litigation, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation Annual Conference, New York, April 22, 2010
- Mortgage Fraud, State Bar of Arizona White Collar Crime Conference, January 21, 2010
- The Fifth Amendment in Parallel Proceedings, State Bar of Arizona White Collar Crime Conference, January 2009
- Faculty, Louisiana State University Trial Advocacy Training (NITA Model), August 2008
- Document Retention, Protection and Destruction in Arizona, Lorman Education Services, Tucson, February 13, 2008
- The Do's and Don'ts of Corporate Compliance and Internal Investigations – Evolution of the Attorney Client Privilege, State Bar of Arizona Annual White Collar Crime Conference: Government Investigations of Corporate Entities, Phoenix, October 17, 2007
- The Nuts & Bolts of E-Discovery, American Bar Association's First National Symposium on Electronic Discovery, Chicago, March 9, 2007
- E-Discovery in Practice: Mock Deposition of 30(b)(6) Electronic Document Custodians, American Bar Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, August 2006

Personal Information

- Stacey spent approximately 9 months in India developing a Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) compliance program for one of the world's largest retailers.
- Spanish Proficiency
- Electronic Discovery & Management of Complex Litigation Databases
- Inventor with patents issued by U.S. Patent Office, European Patent Office, U.K, France, Germany, and Italy