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A former Assistant U.S. Attorney with a focus on public corruption and national security, Jacqueline Arango is co-chair of Akerman's White Collar Crime & Government Investigations Practice. She leads a team including former federal prosecutors, senior enforcement lawyers at the SEC, and government lawyers representing corporations, financial institutions, boards of directors, and individuals in government investigations, regulatory enforcement matters, grand jury probes, internal investigations, and trials. A highly experienced litigator with over 50 jury trials, Jacqueline defends and resolves government investigations arising under criminal and civil statutes, including False Claims Act (FCA), Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

Jacqueline's practice includes internal corporate investigations, government regulatory matters, and compliance counseling. She also advises clients on a wide range of commercial litigation matters, including anti-money laundering (AML) regulations, contractual disputes, securities and other class action defense, civil fraud claims, and insolvency matters.

Jacqueline counsels clients on international trade and economic sanctions matters. In the national security context of, she has handled numerous international weapons and sensitive technology trafficking cases concerning the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), Export Administration Regulations (EAR), International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), and the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Jacqueline has also served as an advisor to a United Nations subcommittee to prepare a resolution designed to enhance international cooperation in reducing small arms and light weapons proliferation.

Prior to joining Akerman, Jacqueline served in various capacities in the U.S. Attorney's office, including Deputy Chief of the Public Corruption and National Security Section where she oversaw public corruption and civil rights cases, including the investigation and prosecution of federal, state, and local officials for bribery, conflict of

Areas of Experience

International Trade and Customs
Litigation
Cannabis
White Collar Crime and Government Investigations
Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability
Professional Liability

Education

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1986
B.A., University of South Carolina, Journalism, 1983

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Related Content

[Jaqueline Arango to Speak on the New DOJ Whistleblower Program](#)
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October 24, 2024

interest, embezzlement, extortion, and other related offenses. In addition, Jacqueline oversaw the investigation, and prosecution of international and domestic terrorism cases. Prior to this work, Jacqueline served in the Narcotics Section, where, as Deputy Chief, she supervised 15 narcotics prosecutors and oversaw drug trafficking and money laundering investigations.

Notable Work

Patent Infringement: Represented Realauction.com in a two-week jury trial defending against allegations that online auction software used by local governments infringed a patent resulting in a favorable jury verdict.

Wall Street Insider Trading: Represented a cooperating Wall Street trader witness in a high-profile insider trading case alleging he was paid a bonus of more than \$2 million for illegal tips, which helped earn the hedge fund more than \$3.8 million.

Civil RICO Defense: Represented an investment and loan company in the defense of a \$44 million Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (FDUTPA), and civil conspiracy lawsuit alleging far-reaching conspiracy to entrap borrowers into predatory business loans, resulting in a complete dismissal of all charges with prejudice.

Police Misconduct: Represented a police sergeant in the defense of a high-profile local trial regarding allegations of various criminal violations. The one conviction that remained after trial was ultimately dropped.

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Represented individuals targeted in various FCPA investigations involving Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, and Djibouti. Regularly presents anti-corruption compliance training programs to U.S. companies and government contractors.

Related Professional Experience

- United States Attorney's Office, Assistant United States Attorney, 1995-2011

Published Work and Lectures

- 2025 Corporate Counsel Conference, Speaker, "DOJ Whistleblower Program and Its Impact on Your Company," March 21, 2025
- *Bloomberg Law*, Co-Author, "DOJ Expects Companies to Minimize Risk of AI Blunders, Misconduct," October 24, 2024
- *Bloomberg Law*, Co-Author, "New M&A Safe Harbor Is a Double-Edged Sword for Buying Companies," December 6, 2023
- Florida Bar International Law Section, iLaw2022 ILS Global Forum, Speaker, "International Money Laundering Through the Precious Metals Market," April 1, 2022
- Women's White Collar Defense Association Annual Meeting, Moderator, General Counsel Panel, March 8, 2017
- ABA's Grit Project, Commission on Women in the Profession, Panelist, February 21, 2017
- International Litigation, Arbitration & Transactions Conference, Speaker, "Foreign Corrupt Practices Act," February 17, 2017
- Anti-Corruption, Information Governance, Cybersecurity and Privacy Briefing, Panelist, June 23, 2016

- International Litigation, Arbitration & Transactions Conference, Speaker, “Due Diligence in International Mergers & Acquisitions,” February 26, 2016
- ALM-Akerman U.S. Latin America Legal Summit, Moderator, “International Money Laundering: Following the Money Trail,” November 10, 2015
- Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists Webinar, Speaker, “Case Study: AML Cases from Red Flags to Verdicts,” October 21, 2015
- ACI’s Miami Anti-Corruption Boot Camp, Event Co-Chair and Speaker, “Government Investigations- Critical Updates on Voluntary Disclosure and Privilege Considerations,” October 15, 2015
- ACHE Western Florida Chapter Education & Dinner, Panelist, “New Government Focuses on Fraud & Abuse Enforcement,” April 29, 2015
- *The Daily Business Review’s* A View From the Bench: Super Stars Mock Trial, Speaker, “Defense Counsel,” April 24, 2015
- World Services Group (WSG) Meeting of the Americas, Speaker, “Foreign Corrupt Practices Act,” February 2014

Affiliations

- Cuban American Bar Association, Member
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Member
- Dade County Bar Association, Director
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- Women’s White Collar Defense Association, Member
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Bench and Bar Conference Committee, Appointed by Chief Judge Moore, March 2013
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Ad Hoc Criminal Justice Act Panel Selection Committee, Appointed by Chief Judge Moreno, July 2012

Honors and Distinctions

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2018-2024, Listed in Florida for Business Litigation
- *Best Lawyers*, 2015-2025, Listed in Florida for Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2018 Lawyer of the Year for Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy) in Miami
- *Daily Business Review’s* Second Annual Top 20 Women in Law Honoree, 2015
- *Florida Trend’s* Legal Elite, 2013, Listed for Criminal Law
- *South Florida Legal Guide Top Lawyers*, 2008-2011, Listed for Government Attorneys
- Recipient of the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service, numerous Special Achievement Awards from the United States Attorney’s Office and commendations from various state and federal law enforcement agencies