



## Jeannie S. Rhee \*

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### Practice Area

#### Litigation/Controversy

Investigations and Criminal  
Litigation

#### Regulatory and Government Affairs

Cybersecurity, Privacy and  
Communications

Data Security and Cybersecurity

Federal Inspector General  
Investigations

Public Policy and Legislative  
Affairs

Strategic Response

#### Securities

Litigation and Enforcement

#### Education

JD, Yale Law School, 1997, Editor-  
in-Chief, *Yale Journal of Law & the  
Humanities*; Editor, *Yale Law Journal*

BA, summa cum laude, Yale  
University, 1994, Phi Beta Kappa

#### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

#### Clerkships

The Hon. Judith W. Rogers, US  
Court of Appeals for the District of  
Columbia Circuit, 1998 - 1999

The Hon. Stanley Sporkin, US  
District Court for the District of  
Columbia, 1997 - 1998

Jeannie Rhee is a veteran trial attorney. Ms. Rhee's practice focuses on defending clients who are the subject of government-related litigation and investigation, including white collar criminal and securities enforcement cases. She also has conducted investigations into a number of the most sensitive cybersecurity and data breach incidents in recent years for defense contracting, financial institution and major retail clients.

She rejoined the firm in 2011 after serving for two years as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel for the US Department of Justice. From 2000-2006, Ms. Rhee was an Assistant US Attorney in the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. She serves as chair of the Senior Associates Committee and co-chair of the Diversity Committee.

During her time with the US Department of Justice, Ms. Rhee tried more than 30 cases. She also advised the Attorney General, the White House, and senior agency officials on issues regarding criminal law, criminal procedure, executive privilege, civil rights, national security and cybersecurity.

#### Experience

Ms. Rhee has represented numerous individual and corporate clients in criminal and civil matters, including the following:

#### *Cybersecurity*

- Representing a large defense contractor in multiple agency investigations in connection with a headline cybersecurity/insider threat incident and the leak of classified information
- Representing major retailer and financial institutions in connection with serious data breach incidents involving personally identifiable information and payment card data, including notice to millions of customers, PCI DSS forensic investigations, and related regulatory inquiries

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- Representing customers and providers in payment card breaches involving e-commerce sites, PCI DSS forensic investigations, national and international notice, third party liability issues and related regulatory and law enforcement inquiries
- Representing professional service providers in connection with cyber intrusions, ransom demands, related forensic investigation and law enforcement inquiries

*Litigation*

- Representing the former Chief Accounting Officer of a national homebuilder at trial for conspiracy to commit securities fraud and obstruction of justice
- Representing a large defense contractor in defeating all alleged claims of fraud and misrepresentation in arbitration
- Representing major government contractor in various claims disputes and whistleblower litigation over nuclear waste cleanup efforts
- Defending a major financial institution and employees in litigation brought by the bankruptcy trustee of a collapsed money management firm involving claims of fraud and commercial bribery in connection with the purchase of collateralized debt obligations

*Investigations*

- Representing a parent multinational company in US investigation of former subsidiary's marketing and sales practices of an opioid drug
- Representing a major multinational bank in DOJ cross-border money-laundering and tax evasion investigations
- Representing a major financial institution and several employees in multiple agency investigations of potential mismarking and internal controls violations in the aftermath of significant losses
- Representing a financial lender in federal criminal and civil investigations into allegedly fraudulent practices involving government guaranteed loans
- Defending a former government officer accused in a national security investigation of conspiracy, immigration fraud and improper access to classified information
- Representing a former employee of a financial services company in the Southern District of New York's tax shelter investigation
- Conducting an internal investigation for the special committee of a technology company regarding allegations of stock options backdating

- Defending a major pharmaceutical company in federal criminal and civil investigations into alleged off-label drug promotion

Ms. Rhee's more than 30 trials as an Assistant US Attorney included:

- *United States v. James O. Baxter, et al.*, the conviction of officials in the well-publicized Washington Teachers' Union case for conspiracy to defraud and launder proceeds, among other offenses
- *United States v. Brittan P. Day*, the conviction of an insurance broker for mail and wire fraud, among other offenses, to local union employee, welfare and pension benefits plans
- *United States v. Fabio Trinidad*, the conviction of a foreign national for attempting to kill his estranged wife upon refusal to sponsor citizenship

While an Assistant US Attorney in the Fraud and Public Corruption section of the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Ms. Rhee conducted numerous grand jury investigations and prosecuted cases involving mail and wire fraud, healthcare fraud, bribery, money laundering, false statements and conspiracy, among other offenses. She also served as a legislative fellow in the office of then Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and as a counsel in the US Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy.

#### Honors & Awards

Ms. Rhee was named to the *Diversity Journal's* 2016 list of Women Worth Watching, which recognizes professional women for their passion and influence both inside and outside of the workplace. She was the recipient of four special achievement awards for her work in each of the trial sections in which she served at the US Attorney's Office.

#### Professional Activities

Ms. Rhee's professional service has included:

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Board Member, Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
- Board Member, D.C. Circuit Historical Society
- Member, US District Court Grievance Committee
- Member, Edward Bennett Williams Inn of Court
- Member, US District Court Standing Committee on Electronic Case Filing

- Co-chair, Criminal Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation
- Chair, Yale Law School Reunion Committee
- President, Yale Law School Alumni Association of Washington, DC
- Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University