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Lisa Noller gets results.

A trial lawyer and investigator in our Chicago office, Lisa is chair of the firm's national Litigation Department and former chair of the firm's Government Enforcement Defense & Investigations Practice Group and the firm's Management Committee. She is also a member of the firm's Health Care Litigation Team and Antitrust & Competition Practice Group.

Named to the inaugural *Forbes America's Top 200 Lawyers* list and recognized by *Who's Who Legal: Investigations* in 2024, Lisa has spent over 25 years investigating, litigating, and trying complex criminal and civil cases, responding to government investigations, conducting corporate internal investigations, and persuading the government not to pursue clients. "Lisa has been lauded by clients and colleagues for her subject-matter expertise, investigative prowess, tenaciousness and integrity," noted the *Forbes* editor, and "she is an expert in healthcare litigation and white-collar defense." As a member of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers since 2015, Lisa has been recognized for her trial success in over 30 civil and criminal trials in state and federal courts. She represents companies and individuals in parallel civil and criminal proceedings initiated by government agencies, and she proactively counsels clients in enforcement and other litigation matters. Lisa successfully has represented clients in many districts around the country, most often in Illinois, Florida, Massachusetts, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Lisa is particularly renowned for her excellence in health care litigation: Sources label her "an exceptional attorney in the area of health care." She represents providers in helping them navigate the False Claims Act and criminal matters, including Anti-kickback Statute (AKS), PPP loans, Managed Care/Medicare Advantage issues, and antitrust defense. Lisa has served as a private mediator in an AKS dispute, and she was court-appointed as the special master for discovery in a complex tax shelter and fraud case.

“[Lisa] is very knowledgeable in the health care regulatory area,” according to *Chambers and Partners USA*. “Clients love her — she’s very personable, she’s bright and she knows this space incredibly well.”

“[Lisa] really knows about government investigations. She is very knowledgeable and to-the-point with her advice,” according to *Thomson Reuters*.

“[Lisa] is one of the best lawyers in Chicago. She has impeccable judgment and is a tremendous trial lawyer.”

Lisa is widely known for her handling of False Claims Act litigation, public corruption charges, antitrust, and high-stakes fraud matters, utilizing her extensive experience as a former civil and criminal prosecutor to defend health care and life science clients, who note:

“[Lisa] keeps us well informed, is pragmatic in her approach and keeps things moving along.” – *Chambers and Partners USA*

“She’s a preeminent person in Chicago’s FCA space.”

Lisa is frequently sought nationally and locally to be an author, speaker, panelist, and conference organizer on topics related to False Claims Act defense, government investigations, health care antitrust matters, and white collar criminal defense, among other topics. She is a lecturer in law at the University of Chicago Law School, where she founded and teaches the Prosecution and Defense Clinic and is Chair of the Law School Council. She also is an adjunct professor at Northwestern Law School, where she teaches trial advocacy.

Prior to joining Foley, Lisa was an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago, where she worked in both the civil and criminal divisions of the office. She was a member of the U.S. attorney’s team dedicated to the prosecution of healthcare fraud in Northern Illinois, and she has worked on numerous complex fraud cases as well as parallel investigations with other agencies, including HHS-OIG, NIH, and the SEC. Lisa served as a deputy chief in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, most recently in the Financial Crimes and Special Prosecutions Section, where she prosecuted complex federal criminal cases from investigation through appeal involving the AKS, Stark Law, public corruption, mortgage fraud, bank fraud, health care fraud, tax fraud, research grant fraud, racketeering, embezzlement, money laundering, obstruction of justice, and terrorism financing.

She earned a Director’s Award for Superior Performance for successfully trying a 100-count RICO case, and she also received the Mitch Mars Prosecutorial Excellence Award from the Chicago Crime Commission. Before joining the Criminal Division, she also worked for three years in the Civil Division, where she represented the United States in affirmative civil enforcement and health care fraud actions, including False Claims Act matters. In addition to her trial experience, Lisa also has successfully argued numerous appeals before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2014, Lisa earned a white belt certificate in Legal Lean Sigma® and project management from the Legal Lean Sigma Institute.

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Representative Experience

- Secured Deferred Prosecution Agreement for prominent physicians' group in criminal antitrust investigation of market allocation for oncology services in Southwest Florida.
- Convinced DOJ to decline pursuit of a healthcare company in an alleged price-fixing investigation.
- Obtained Deferred Prosecution Agreement for former Chicago Alderman that resulted in no penalty, following substantial undercover cooperation in sprawling public corruption investigations.
- Won multiple motions to dismiss state and federal False Claims Act cases, for healthcare entities and individuals, as well as other government contractors.
- Obtained favorable settlement for educational consultant in an SEC insider trading case.
- Won motion to dismiss Managed Care Plan from federal False Claims Act lawsuit and litigated other Part C False Claims Act cases.

- Represent durable medical equipment company in False Claims Act cases internal investigations, and self-disclosures relating to commissioned sales force issues.
- Convinced state criminal prosecutors to forego criminal prosecution and False Claims Act lawsuit of skilled nursing facility chain owners.
- Led internal investigation team hired by private university sports team where players alleged coach harassment, bullying and misconduct.
- Represented university in research misconduct investigations relating to grant fraud and False Claims Act issues.
- Obtained Deferred Prosecution Agreement for a honey importer and processor in a federal criminal investigation regarding anti-dumping and transshipping to avoid customs duties.

Awards and Recognition

- Listed in *Lexology Index: Investigations 2025*
- Selected as a leading practitioner by *Who's Who Legal* (now *Lexology Index*) in the area of Healthcare and Life Sciences (2025)
- *Forbes "America's Top 200 Lawyers"* (2024)
- Selected by *Who's Who Legal* in the area of Investigations (2024)
- Stand-out Lawyer – *Thomson Reuters®* (2023, 2025 – 2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®* – Criminal Defense: White Collar (2018 – 2024, 2026)
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
 - False Claims Act (2022-2025)
 - Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations (2018 – 2025)
- Healthcare Award for Best Healthcare Attorney, Illinois – *Women in Business Worldwide* (2017)
- *The Legal 500* – Health Care and Dispute Resolution (2017)
- *Illinois Super Lawyers®* (2007, 2014 – 2016, 2026)
- Top 50: Women – *Illinois Super Lawyers®* (2015)

Affiliations

- Illinois-Upstate State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers – Member
- National Association of College and University Attorneys – Member
- Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow (2008)
- Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago – Former board member

Presentations and Publications

- Co-author, "What Every Multinational Company Should Know About ... Customs Enforcement and False Claims Act Risks (Part III)," *Tariff & International Trade Resources* (May 21, 2025)
- Co-author, "What Every Multinational Company Should Know About ... Customs Enforcement and False Claims Act Risks (Part II)," *Tariff & International Trade Resources* (April 24, 2025)
- Co-author, "What Every Multinational Company Should Know About ... Customs Enforcement and False Claims Act Risks (Part I)," *Tariff & International Trade Resources* (April 9, 2025)

- Co-author, "You've Been Sued: Now What?" *Health Care Law Today* (January 27, 2025)
- Co-author, "Loper Bright False Claims Act Developments," *Health Care Law Today* (October 15, 2024)
- Co-author, "Health Care Enforcement: 'Tea Leaves' in the 2024 National Health Care Fraud Summer Takedown," *Health Care Law Today* (August 28, 2024)
- Co-author, "Chevron's Demise Creates New False Claims Act Defenses," Foley Insights (July 16, 2024)
- Co-author, "Supreme Court Rules Bribery Law Doesn't Criminalize Gratuities — How Does that Impact the Anti-Corruption Legal Landscape?," Foley Insights (June 27, 2024)
- Panelist, "Qui Tam Section: Balance of Payments: Carrots, Sticks, and the Effect of Continuing to Reimburse after Escobar," Federal Bar Association (December 6, 2023)
- Speaker, "Chicago officials are joining the effort to crack down on cases of COVID aid fraud," NPR's *All Things Considered* (August 31, 2023)
- Speaker, "Prepping Your Client for Cross-Examination," National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Meeting (August 3, 2023)
- Panelist, "How DOJ Calculates Damages in FCA Cases," Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section (webinar series) (May 11, 2021)
- Speaker, "Criminal Antitrust Investigations During A Pandemic," New York State Bar Association Webinar (October 22, 2020)

Sectors

- Food & Beverage
- Health Care & Life Sciences
- Racial Justice & Equity

Practice Areas

- Antitrust & Competition
- Commercial Litigation
- False Claims Act
- Government Enforcement Defense & Investigations
- Litigation
- Securities Enforcement & Litigation

Education

- University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1995)
 - Articles Editor, *Roundtable Law Journal*
 - Ann Watson Barber Outstanding Service Award recipient
- Boston College (B.A., cum laude, 1992)

Admissions

- Illinois
- Northern District of Illinois
- Eastern District of Wisconsin
- Western District of Wisconsin
- Eastern District of Michigan
- 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
- 3rd Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals

*The Illinois Supreme Court does not recognize certifications of specialties in the practice of law and no award or recognition is a requirement to practice law in Illinois.