



Alice Shih LaCour

Partner

About

Alice is an experienced litigator with extensive courtroom experience from nearly a decade of litigating cases for the U.S. Department of Justice. She has argued and tried cases in federal district courts across the country on both civil and criminal matters and has particular expertise in federal investigations and regulatory defense. A high-enthusiasm, high-creativity attorney, Alice harnesses her diverse experience and understanding of the substantive law to identify and obtain optimal outcomes for her clients.

Prior to joining the firm, Alice spent a decade in high-level positions at the U.S. Department of Justice, litigating high-profile civil and criminal cases and advising Cabinet-level officials and Presidential nominees for Senate hearings. As a federal prosecutor, she focused on complex white-collar investigations and public corruption. She also served as counselor to the U.S. Attorney General, as Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General of the DOJ's Civil Division, and as a trial attorney in the U.S. DOJ Federal Programs Branch tasked with defending federal agencies and Cabinet members from regulatory, statutory, and constitutional challenges.

Alice attended Yale Law School and clerked for the Honorable Keith P. Ellison on the District Court for the Southern District of Texas and for the Honorable Jennifer Elrod on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Highlights

- Represented the U.S. Department of Commerce in a bench trial regarding the addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.
- Represented the Environmental Protection Agency in a challenge to its actions pursuant to the Clean Water Act.
- Prosecuted public school officials, including school superintendents, in a complex virtual education fraud conspiracy that resulted in convictions following a month-long trial.
- Prosecuted physician-centered drug distribution conspiracy involving illegitimate prescriptions that led to over three dozen convictions.

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Education

Yale Law School, J.D., Submissions
Editor, Yale Journal on Regulation

Washington and Lee University, B.A.,
summa cum laude, Economics

Admissions

Bar of Texas

Bar of Alabama

Practice Areas

Trade Secrets

Government Investigations &
Regulatory Enforcement

National Trial Counsel

Experience

- First Assistant and Criminal Chief, United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama
- Senior Advisor and Counsel, United States Department of Justice, Civil Division
- Counselor, United States Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General
- Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Federal Programs Branch
- Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (Houston)
- Law Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston)

Awards

- United States Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service (2017, 2019)
- Lawdragon Leading Litigators in America (2024, 2025)