



Karima Maloney, *Partner*

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Karima Maloney helps clients with all manner of potentially criminal legal matters. Karima is a former federal prosecutor who has handled hundreds of government investigations, numerous federal jury trials, and scores of grand jury proceedings across the country. After serving in a high-level position within the Department of Justice, Karima knows federal agencies inside-out and expertly navigates her clients through government investigations and prosecutions.

Karima's practice also includes a mix of civil litigation. Whether engaged in civil or criminal litigation, Karima prepares each case with the expectation that it will go to trial and is known for fighting hard for her clients in court. Her

trial skills were honed over years of bringing and winning difficult federal criminal cases. During her twelve years with the Department of Justice, she was trusted to handle high-profile official misconduct, human trafficking, and hate crime prosecutions across the country. Karima's trial work is nationally recognized; she is the recipient of the Women in Federal Law Enforcement's Top Prosecutor Award (2012) and the Attorney General's John Marshall Award for Outstanding Trial of Litigation (2005).

While serving as Deputy Chief and trial attorney in the Criminal Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, Karima routinely investigated suspected federal law violations and managed complex investigations involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Explosives, and Offices of Inspector General of multiple federal agencies.

Karima received her J.D. from Columbia Law School where she was a senior editor of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She received her undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Karima served as law clerk to the Honorable Vanessa D. Gilmore of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. She is a member of The State Bar of Texas.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Columbia University School of Law

J.D., 2001

Senior Editor, *Columbia Law Review*;
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Washington University in St. Louis

B.A., Business Administration, 1997

Law Clerk

to the Hon. Vanessa D. Gilmore, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
2001-2003

Partner

Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., 2016 - Present

Deputy Chief

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, 2010-2015

Trial Attorney

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, 2003-2010

ADMISSIONS

State Courts of Texas

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

ORGANIZATIONS

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Member
- Women's White Collar Defense Association, Member
- Houston Bar Association, Member
- National Bar Association, Member
- Houston Lawyers Association, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Member