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**Practice Areas**

- Complex Commercial Litigation involving:
 - Business & Insurance
 - Real Estate Transactions
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Internal Corporate Investigations

Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D., 2000)
 - National Mock Trial Team
 - National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team
- University of Michigan (B.A., 1997)

Bar and Court Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Supreme Court

Honors and Memberships

- Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel
- Philadelphia Bar Association (YLD, Executive Board, 2001-2003)
- American Bar Association
- Boston College Law School Alumni Association (Vice-President, Philadelphia Chapter)
- University of Michigan Alumni Assoc.

Biography

Lorie Dakessian represents businesses and professionals in internal investigations and in a broad range of complex commercial litigation, focusing in the areas of civil RICO, director and officer liability, fiduciary litigation, and contract disputes.

Prior to joining the firm, Lorie served for six years in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. As a prosecutor in the Appeals Unit, Lorie was responsible for managing all aspects of large and complex appellate cases. She routinely appeared before state appellate and trial courts, including several oral arguments before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. In addition, Lorie handled the District Attorney's Office's response to two petitions for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court.

Representative Matters

- Representation of clients in connection with criminal investigations, including grand jury investigations.
- Member of team representing former executors of multi-million dollar estate involving numerous complex real estate transactions.
- Member of team that defended a multinational computer technology and consulting corporation in a complex contractual dispute involving a former high-ranking executive of its subsidiary.
- Member of team that defended producer of eco-conscious flooring materials in a case involving allegations of unfair competition and trade secret violations.
- Defended vendor against allegation of breach of contract with a major healthcare system.
- Member of team that defended mortgage company in dispute involving allegations of misrepresentations of terms of mortgage loan.