

Rebecca Furdek

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Rebecca leverages her experience in all three branches of government to help clients navigate today's regulatory and government enforcement landscape.

Rebecca believes that businesses and individuals are best situated to thrive when the legal "rules of the road" are clear-cut, rational and transparent. Rebecca currently guides clients in a variety of business sectors as they conduct internal investigations, defend against government investigations or enforcement actions, or engage in complex civil litigation. Clients appreciate Rebecca's ability to quickly distill complex legal issues into a clear, commonsense strategy, paired with her sensitivity to how government views and enacts laws and regulations.

Before joining Husch Blackwell, Rebecca served as Counsel to the Solicitor at the U.S. Department of Labor, an appointed position in which she gained firsthand insight into agency rulemaking and administrative enforcement, as well as coordinated the agency's response to congressional inquiries. Both this agency experience and a prior clerkship with the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee sharpened her awareness of the underlying policy priorities often informing government action, which Rebecca draws upon in regularly leading clients through U.S. Department of Justice or State Attorneys General investigations.

In representing clients in civil litigation, or if a government investigation proceeds to litigation, Rebecca relies on her government experience as a federal judicial law clerk and in the executive branch, as well as her significant private sector civil litigation experience. In addition, while previously practicing in the Washington, DC office of a

### **Industries**

Manufacturing Technology Transportation

### **Services**

False Claims Act
Government Solutions
Litigation & Alternative Dispute
Resolution
State Attorneys General Practice
White Collar, Internal
Investigations, & Compliance

global law firm, Rebecca counseled both domestic and international clients in strengthening and refining their compliance programs and focused her pro bono practice on assisting individuals challenging regulatory schemes through preparing amicus briefs.

## Experience

- Secured a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) criminal declination for a healthcare client after a multi-year investigation.
- Represented numerous clients in complex civil litigation and government investigations concerning COVID-19-specific laws and regulations.
- Represented numerous witnesses and targets in DOJ, State Attorneys General, and other
  administrative agency investigations, including through regular engagement with government
  attorneys and in responding to Civil Investigative Demands (CIDs) or subpoenas.
- Prepared numerous individuals for DOJ interviews in connection with federal grand jury investigations or for trial testimony.
- Served on the U.S. legal support team for a compliance monitor in connection with a multinational corporation's deferred prosecution agreement with the DOJ.
- Co-authored numerous federal and state pro bono amicus briefs in support of economic liberty, campaign finance, or eminent domain issues, including before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Developed risk assessment tools and compliance programs for U.S.-based international corporations.
- Counseled U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) agency officials in developing wage-related regulations, enforcement initiatives, and an array of subregulatory guidance.
- Advised DOL in defending against Administrative Procedure Act (APA) lawsuits filed by both the private sector and State Attorneys General.

# Experience

Managed legal review of DOL responses to congressional oversight inquiries, including through
preparing witnesses for U.S. House of Representatives Committee hearings or briefings,
responding to congressional document and information requests, and liaising as appropriate
with the White House Counsel's Office and other administrative agencies.

## Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America
  - o Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2024 and 2025
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, Honors, 2021 and 2022
- James Wilson Fellowship, Class of 2019

## Education

- J.D., University of Minnesota Law School
  - o Minnesota Law Review, Note and Comment Editor
  - o Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, National Symposium Editor
  - o Federalist Society, President, Minnesota Law School chapter
- B.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison
  - o Piano Performance, English Literature
  - o Phi Beta Kappa

## Admissions

- Wisconsin
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Supreme Court

# Clerkships

• The Hon. Reed O'Connor, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

# **Community Leadership**

- Civic Music Association of Milwaukee, Board of Directors
- Federalist Society Milwaukee Lawyers Chapter, Treasurer



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