



## → Courtlyn Ward

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Courtlyn Ward is an associate in the Governmental Practice in the firm's Dallas office, focused on government investigation and white collar matters.

### Areas of Practice

Courtlyn represents clients in a wide range of investigations, with particular experience in matters involving the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, bank fraud, and securities fraud. She regularly advises corporations and individuals facing government inquiries and internal investigations, helping them navigate complex regulatory frameworks. In addition, Courtlyn is an accomplished litigator, handling sophisticated commercial disputes in both state and federal courts. Her practice spans all phases of civil litigation, from case strategy and pre-trial motions through trial advocacy and resolution.

### Honors

Ones to Watch in America, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, *Best Lawyers*, 2025-2026

"Top 40 Under 40" in Texas, *The National Black Lawyers*, 2023

### Experience

- Drafted successful motion to dismiss in federal court on behalf of commercial client in a misappropriation of trade secret case pursuant to the Trade Secrets Act.

### Articles

#### Healthcare Law Blog Posts

- "Inside the Ninth Circuit's Interpretation of EKRA: Clarity for Kickback Law," July 22, 2025

#### White Collar & Government Enforcement Blog Posts

- "Attorney General Bondi's Day One Orders for DOJ," February 10, 2025

### Speaking Engagements

"Seismic Shift: Federal Regulation after Loper and Jarkesy," 2024 Diversity in Action Conference, October 15, 2024

## Memberships

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Attorneys Serving the Community

## Practices

False Claims Act

Governmental

White Collar Defense and Investigations

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## Education

J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 2021, *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law Texas Journal of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights*; Interscholastic Moot Court Team; Pro Bono Torchbearer; Thurgood Marshall Law Society/Black Law Association

B.A., Baylor University, 2018, *magna cum laude*, Provost Gold Scholar for Academic Excellence

## Admissions

Texas