



## Partner

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### Services

Litigation > Class Actions > Complex Commercial Litigation >  
White Collar, Compliance and Investigations >

Christina Guerola Sarchio focuses her practice on general commercial litigation, class actions and white collar defense, with significant experience in the consumer products, financial, oil and gas, pharmaceutical, sports and transportation industries. A former prosecutor and an experienced trial lawyer, Ms. Sarchio has successfully tried cases in federal and state courts throughout the country. She also regularly appears before a number of agencies and regulators, including the DOJ, FDA, SEC and various U.S. Attorney offices.

Ms. Sarchio has been recognized as a leading lawyer by *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers* for 2019, *The Legal 500 U.S.* for 2017-2019, and among the Top 250 Women in Litigation by *Benchmark Litigation* for 2017-2019, where she is also listed as a D.C. litigation star. Her class action jury win in 2016 was named a Top 10 Defense Verdict by *The Daily Journal*. She was also selected as a 2018 Woman Worth Watching by *The Diversity Journal*, and received MCCA's 2017 Rainmaker Award. Ms. Sarchio has also received a number of community service awards, including the HNBA Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year, George Washington Law School's Belva Lockwood Award, HBA-DC Hugh Johnson Award, and named by *Hispanic Business Magazine* to its Top 20 Elite Women and 100 Most Influentials lists.

Prior to joining Dechert, Ms. Sarchio served as a partner at another international law firm where she acted as chair of the class action strike team as well as a member of the Board of Directors. Her previous experience includes serving as prosecutor with the Manhattan District Attorney's office.

Ms. Sarchio has also served as an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association since 2011.

## EXPERIENCE

### *Business Advice and Litigation*

- **ExxonMobil** in securing dismissal of a consumer protection complaint filed by the Washington, D.C. Attorney General (DC 2018); prevailing in an antitrust suit filed in Puerto Rico (*Diaz Aviation Corp v. Esso et al*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4651, D Pr 2011); and winning at trial in five consolidated cases brought by more than 100 dealers to enjoin sale and divestiture of gas station business in Puerto Rico (*Santiago-Sepulveda v. Esso*, 582 F.Supp. 2d 154, D Pr 2008).
- **JP Morgan Chase** in several consumer lawsuits alleging violations of the TCPA (2018-present) in federal court and arbitration.
- **Ooma** several consumer lawsuits resulting in the successful enforcement of its contractual arbitration provisions (2016-18).

### *Class Actions*

- **Rent A Center** in defending against allegations of violations of various California consumer protection statutes (ND Cal 2018-present).
- **Wells Fargo** in securing Rule 68 dismissal of class action complaint alleging TCPA violations (ND Ill 2017).
- **Life360** in securing a dismissal with prejudice of a TCPA class action lawsuit (ND Cal 2016).
- **Boiron** in a defense verdict in a false advertising and consumer fraud class action against leading homeopathic drug manufacturer after one week trial before a jury (CD Cal 2016); winning appeal of nationwide class action settlement over objector's claim of collusion and overbroad release (*Gallucci v. Gonzales et al*, No.12-57081, 9th Cir 2015); defeating motion to certify class (CD Cal 2014); securing Rule 68 judgment against class action representative and dismissal of complaint (ND Ill 2013); precedent-setting summary judgment victory precluding ability of consumer class to seek injunctive relief, cited in more than 50 decisions (*Delarosa v. Boiron, Inc.*, 275 F.R.D. 582, CD Cal 2011).
- **Whole Foods** in securing the dismissal of a nationwide class action lawsuit alleging false advertising of its homeopathic products (SD Fl 2015).
- Early resolution of various class action demands, including for **TCPA, UCL, CLRA**, and other state and federal claims.

### *Sports*

- **National Basketball Players Association** in litigation against its former Executive Director, Billy Hunter, advising on legal and business matters, and in arbitration.
- **Women's National Basketball Players Association** on legal and business strategy.
- **Joe Theismann** in dismissing a class action lawsuit against Mr. Theismann alleging false advertising of his celebrity endorsement of OTC supplement (ND 2013), affirmed by Ninth Circuit (2016).

- Serving as Independent Arbitrator for **NCAA**.
- Serving on Law 360's Sports Editorial Advisory Board (2019).

### ***White Collar***

- Representing former officer of U.S. subsidiary and Mexican national in FCPA investigation
- Represented a financial institution in an SEC enforcement action, which SEC declined.
- Conducted an investigation for company subject to extortion, referred matter for federal prosecution resulting in indictments.
- Conducted an internal investigation of cybercrime, referred matter for federal prosecution.
- Negotiated a resolution with the FDA resulting in no enforcement action brought against a university hospital for using non FDA-approved medical devices.
- Represented a foreign company and its U.S. subsidiary in several international antitrust price-fixing investigations and negotiated plea agreements with DOJ.
- Defended company against liability for insider trading by company officer.
- Advised **Allen Stanford** in SEC and DOJ actions and argued at his detention hearing (*US v. Stanford*, EDVA (Richmond) 2009).
- Lead trial counsel in an “infomercial fraud” case for an individual facing conspiracy, mail and wire fraud charges and won dismissal after four-week jury trial (*US v. Woolf/ Gengler*, 2009 US Dist. Lexis 98857, EDVA 2009).

*Includes matters handled at Dechert or prior to joining the firm.*

## **EDUCATION**

- Cornell University, B.A., 1991
- George Washington University Law School, J.D., 1995

## **ADMISSIONS**

- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- New York
- Virginia
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Hispanic National Bar Association: Chief Compliance Officer (2018-2019), Vice President External Affairs (2007-2008)
- Hispanic Bar Association of D.C.
- Military Spouse JD Network
- Women's White Collar Defense Association

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Internal Investigations 101**, Financial Poise Webinars (Feb. 14, 2019)
- **TCPA Litigation: Defense Strategies**, The Knowledge Group Webcast (Jan. 17, 2018)
- **The Global Impact of Sports and the Role Lawyers Play**, HNBA Corporate Conference (April 2017)
- **Don't Say That! Defending High Profile Cases and Managing the Media**, HNBA Convention (Sept. 2016)
- **Is It Rougher on the Field or in the Courtroom?**, Lawyers for Civil Justice (Dec. 3, 2015 )
- **Homeopathic Medicine & Advertising: An FTC Workshop**, Panelist (Sept. 21, 2015)
- **The Trial of Lysistrata**, Shakespeare Theatre Company Bard Association (Nov. 24, 2014 )
- **Class Action Strategies**, Bridgeport Litigation & Management Conference (Apr. 11, 2014 )