Alice Shih LaCour

Partner

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Education

Yale Law School, J.D.

Washington and Lee University, B.A. Economics

Admissions

Alabama

Texas

Experience

First Assistant and Criminal Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office MDAL

Counselor to the Attorney General, U.S. DOJ

Senior Advisor and Counsel, U.S. DOJ, Civil Division

Trial Attorney, Federal Programs Branch, U.S. DOJ

Law Clerk on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and SDTX

Awards

United States Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service (2017, 2019)

Lawdragon Leading Litigators in America (2024, 2025)

About

Alice is a high-stakes litigator with a deep bench of civil and criminal experience in the federal government. As a former federal prosecutor, she has tried approximately ten jury trials and advised on dozens more as the Criminal Chief. She has a dynamic in courtroom demeanor, striking rapport with witnesses and experts alike. She has particular experience working with and cross-examining financial experts.

Trial Experience Highlights

Conducted month-long jury trial on 101 counts of drug distribution, health care fraud, and money laundering that resulted in conviction on all counts. Actively investigated case alongside federal and state agents, briefed and argued key legal issues before and during trial, conducted voir dire, delivered opening statement, drafted closing statement, conducted direct examinations of approximately three dozen witnesses, directed and crossed financial experts.
-*United States v. Richard Allen Stehl; 2:18-cr-00358 (M.D. Ala.)*

Conducted month-long jury trial on white collar wire fraud conspiracy. All five defendants convicted. Actively investigated case alongside federal and state agents, interviewing hundreds of witnesses. Conducted voir dire, delivered opening statement, delivered closing rebuttal, conducted direct examination of over fifty witnesses, conducted direct examination of financial experts and cell phone data experts, cross examined defense witnesses, and briefed and argued multiple legal issues.
-*United States v. William Richard Carter, Jr.; 2:21-cr-49 (M.D. Ala.)*

Conducted jury trial on federal income tax fraud that convicted defendant on ten counts. Conducted jury voir dire, delivered the opening statement, delivered the rebuttal closing statement, took direct examination of over twenty witnesses including federal agents, and briefed and argued multiple motions in limine before the court.
-*United States v. Laquanda Gilmore Garrott; No. 2:17-cr-00487 (M.D. Ala.)*

Member of bench trial team for the federal government defending the Census Bureau's inclusion of the citizenship question in the 2020 Census. Prepped Cabinet member for deposition.
-*New York v. U.S. Department of Commerce; 18-cv-2921 (S.D.N.Y.)*

Conducted jury trial on drug conspiracy involving wire taps and undercover informants. Conducted ~ 10 direct examinations.
-*United States v. Cyrus Phyfier; 2:17-cr-482 (M.D. Ala.)*

Tried or advised on over three dozen federal criminal jury trials spanning violent crimes, tax fraud, wire and mail fraud, and more. Had settlement authority over dozens of cases as Criminal Chief.

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Related Matters

- Represented the U.S. Department of Commerce in a bench trial regarding the addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.
- Represented the Environmental Protection Agency in a challenge to its actions pursuant to the Clean Water Act.
- Prosecuted public school officials, including school superintendents, in a complex virtual education fraud conspiracy that resulted in convictions following a month-long trial.
- Prosecuted physician-centered drug distribution conspiracy involving illegitimate prescriptions that led to over three dozen convictions.