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Adria Perez focuses her practice on representing both corporations and individuals in white collar criminal defense matters, government enforcement issues, as well as internal, criminal and SEC investigations. Her experience includes handling issues relating to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, False Claims Act (including government contracting, healthcare and tax matters), environmental crimes and Civil Investigative Demands. Ms. Perez assists clients in responding to inquiries from and government investigations conducted by the DOJ, SEC, OCC and Office of Inspector General from a variety of federal agencies. She also counsels clients on developing and strengthening compliance programs and policies.

In 2019 and the seven years immediately preceding, *Super Lawyers* magazine recognized Ms. Perez as a "Georgia Rising Star" in the area of White Collar Criminal Defense. The *Atlanta Business Chronicle* selected Ms. Perez as one of the 2018 "Women Who Mean Business" honorees, while *Atlanta Magazine* recognized Ms. Perez as one of the 2018 "Women Making a Mark." The Hispanic National Bar Association selected Ms. Perez as a 2017 "Top Lawyers Under 40." She was also named one of *Georgia Trend's* "40 Under 40" for 2017. The *Daily Report* recognized Ms. Perez as an "On the Rise" honoree in 2016. She was listed as a *Georgia Trend* "Legal Elite" in the area of Criminal Law. In 2011, Ms. Perez was recognized as a "40 Under 40 Rising Leader" by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*.

Ms. Perez is fluent in Spanish. Para ver esta biografía en español, presione aquí.

Experience

Obtained a complete declination by Department of Justice and SEC of an FCPA matter for a public company client. Conducted a multi-national FCPA investigation and provided a voluntary disclosure to DOJ and SEC on

behalf of an Audit Committee. Also assisted with training and instituting compliance improvements.

Performed an internal investigation with regard to alleged FCPA, fraud and export issues for a company's Audit Committee with regard to conduct all over the world, including Kuwait, Vietnam, Costa Rica, and Egypt. Also, aided in strengthening the company's compliance program.

Conducted an internal investigation in China concerning potential crimes and breaches of internal policies and procedures, and advised the public company's Audit Committee on next steps and remedial measures.

Conducted an internal investigation for a federal government contractor into False Claims Act allegations and possible breaches of internal policies and procedures.

Conducted an internal investigation in the United States, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Turkey and Dubai into anticorruption issues for a *Fortune* 100 company in response to a government inquiry. Assisted company with government disclosures to DOJ.

Advised corporate clients, including manufacturers, oil and energy companies, information management corporations and retail companies, on potential and actual sales and transactions in Iran, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Iraq, Russia, Myanmar, Libya, Venezuela, Cuba, and Sudan.

Conducted an internal investigation and represented a healthcare practice in responding to a civil investigative demand and investigation into whether the practice violated the False Claims Act. After over two years of investigating, the DOJ decided to close the matter without taking any action against the practice.

Represented an executive at a public construction company during parallel investigations by the SEC & DOJ and convinced the DOJ to use the executive as a cooperating witness during a criminal trial.

Represented a former broker during the DOJ's largest antitrust investigation and convinced the DOJ to use the client as a cooperating witnesses as well as successfully obtained a lenient sentence for the client.

Conducted an internal investigation into alleged FCPA, conflict of interest and code of conduct violations in Mexico for a public company.

Persuaded the Department of Justice not to take any action against a financial institution for alleged violations of fair lending laws despite a referral to the DOJ by the FDIC.

Conducted an internal investigation for a public company concerning potential bid-rigging and bribery.

Performed an internal investigation for an international public company into Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

issues in Brazil, Portugal, and Africa.

Persuaded U.S. Attorney's Office not to indict a government contractor after a two year False Claims Act investigation.

Conducted an internal investigation for a company concerning alleged fraudulent conduct in the Philippines by company employees and third-party agents, and recommended measures to further improve the company's compliance program.

Represented a group of employees in an investigation by a U.S. Attorney's Office, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Immigration & Customs Enforcement relating to the export of medical devices to sanctioned countries.

Performed an internal investigation in India concerning potential crimes and advised the public company's Audit Committee on next steps and remedial measures.

Conducted a privacy assessment concerning the maintenance of customer data in Mexico after a *Fortune* 50 company acquired two Mexican companies.

Internal investigation for special committee of board of directors of a bank related to misuse of bank resources by executive officers, including reports to special committee, board of directors, outside auditors and regulators.

Conducted an internal FCPA investigation for a manufacturer relating to conduct in Argentina. The investigation included reviewing materials in Spanish and conducting interviews of Argentine and Chilean employees in both Spanish and English. The investigation's findings were favorable to the client.

Conducted an internal investigation into Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues in the Caribbean for a public company and later, provided extensive training to executive officers, the legal department as well as employees.

Represented executives and employees of a pharmaceutical manufacturer in an off-label marketing investigation initiated by a False Claims Act lawsuit.

Led an internal investigation into a fraudulent scheme conducted by an officer of a medical group.

Advised an international consumer goods manufacturer on its global anti-corruption program as well as assisted in drafting its FCPA policy, guidelines and contract language.

Performed an internal investigation for an international construction company into Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues as well as conducted training for employees.



In less than four months, convinced the Civil Division of the Department of Justice that a whistleblower's claims against a company did not merit the Government's intervention into a sealed qui tam litigation. Soon after, the whistleblower voluntarily dismissed her litigation.

In less than three months, we convinced the Department of Justice not to take any action against a client employee for allegedly stealing trade secrets from a competitor. During the investigation, our client continued to be a witness and did not have any criminal exposure.

Convinced the Department of Justice to decline prosecution of a construction company, after the DOJ had previously identified the company as a target of an environmental crime investigation.

Reached a favorable settlement with a relator, the federal government and State of Georgia for a medical practice in a Federal False Claims Act litigation brought by a former employee.

Education

Columbia University, J.D. (2004)

Florida State University, B.A., International Affairs and Spanish (2001) *summa cum laude*

Parker School of International Law, Certificate in Comparative and International Law

Admissions

Georgia (2004)

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Professional & Community Activities

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Board of Directors, Member

Georgia Latino Law Foundation, Co-Founder and Advisory Board Member

Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Board of Directors, Member

Hispanic National Bar Association, Latina Commission, Member (2015-2017)

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Fellow (2016)

LEAD Atlanta Class of 2012, Member



Insights

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6 Key Takeaways | The Chinese Social Credit System

December 11, 2019

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Anti-Corruption & Compliance Panel

December 3, 2019

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6 Key Takeaways | The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

June 3, 2019

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Learnings and Tips from Recent Monitorships

March 7, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Recognition for 2019 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 28, 2019

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Women, Diversity & Change Summit

November 1, 2018

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Q&A with Adria Perez 2018 Women Who Mean Business Honoree

October 15, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsends Adria Perez Named an Atlanta Magazine 2018 Women Making a Mark Honoree

May 29, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition for 2018 Georgia Super Lawyers



February 28, 2018

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3 Top Takeaways: Anti-Corruption in Mexico

November 8, 2017

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3 Key Takeaways: Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Trends in 2017

October 16, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsends Adria Perez Named One of Georgia Trends 40 Under 40

October 9, 2017

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Better to Give Than to Receive: Prosecuting and Defending Bribery and Corruption Cases Post-McConnell

September 7, 2017

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Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: How 2017 Is Shaping Up & What You Need to Know to Protect Your Company

August 8, 2017

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Panama Papers: Exposing the Powerful

April 27, 2017

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Top FCPA Settlements of 2016 and What to Expect in 2017

April 26, 2017

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Hispanic National Bar Association Names Adria Perez One of 2017's Top Lawyers Under 40

March 21, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition for 2017 Georgia Super Lawyers
February 28, 2017

Events

Profiles of the Fraudster: Technology Enables and Weak Controls Fuel the Fraud
December 9, 2016

Alerts

Key Takeaways: Doing Business in Mexico
October 20, 2016

Webinars

Doing Business in Mexico: Exploring Cross-Border Issues
October 20, 2016

Events

Doing Business in Mexico: Exploring Cross-Border Issues
September 29, 2016

In The News

Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report June 24-30, 2016
July 1, 2016

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsends Adria Perez Named One of Georgia's Attorneys "On the Rise"
June 30, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report June 17-23, 2016
June 24, 2016

Events

"In a World . . .": Working With your Board Through the Made-For-Hollywood Crisis
May 19, 2016



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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report March 18-24, 2016

March 25, 2016

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2016 Forensics: How Technology Impacts Internal Investigations

March 18, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsends Adria Perez Named 2016 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow

February 15, 2016

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Adria Perez Appointed to Hispanic National Bar Association's Latina Commission

November 12, 2015

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Parallel Lives: How Brazil and the United States Consider Leniency Agreements and Compliance Programs

November 10, 2015

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The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and International Anti-Corruption Efforts

September 22, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend and the Corporate Leadership Forum Host Anti-Corruption Webinar

September 17, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsends Adria Perez: Featured Speaker at the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law Midwinter Meeting

January 21, 2015