

**Verrill**

# Rachna Vyas

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Rachna's practice focuses on defending healthcare and life sciences clients in investigations and litigation, as well as non-health care white collar defense and complex civil litigation.

As a member of the Health Care & Life Sciences group, Rachna regularly works with large institutional clients, including universities, research institutions, hospital systems, and pharmaceutical distributors. She represents clients in government and internal investigations, enforcement proceedings, hearings, and trials involving the False Claims Act, healthcare fraud, the Department of Justice's China Initiative, and other civil and criminal matters at both the federal and state levels. Her practice additionally includes defending individuals under criminal investigation by the federal government in connection with alleged sanction and export control violations, national security offenses, and fraud. She also advises clients on compliance issues involving federal and state health care regulations and civil litigation matters.

Before joining Verrill, Rachna was a Senior Associate in the Government Enforcement and White-Collar practice group at Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston. Her practice centered on defending and counseling public and private companies in federal and internal investigations involving the False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback Statute, and Stark Law. She also managed NIH, HHS, and DOJ investigations, enforcement inquiries, and Congressional oversight requests into systematic programs of foreign influence at U.S. academic and research institutions. In addition, Rachna represented charged defendants, potential criminal targets, and witnesses in federal white-collar investigations and prosecutions. She also maintained an extensive pro bono practice that included working with the New England Innocence Project to obtain post-conviction relief for a wrongly convicted individual and the Lawyers Clearinghouse's Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

Rachna is a classical pianist and flutist. She also enjoys playing the electric guitar. She cares deeply about animal conservation, particularly red pandas and koalas, and has spent some time volunteering at a koala sanctuary in New South Wales, Australia.

## Services/Industries

- Health Care & Life Sciences
- White Collar Defense & Government Enforcement

## **Education**

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (J.D.)
  - Pro Bono Honors
  - Ecology Law Quarterly, Executive Editor
  - Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law, Articles Editor
  - 2018 Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition, Winner
- Princeton University (A.B., *cum laude*)

## **Public Service**

- Volunteer, Alameda County Bar Association Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program
- Member, Friends of the Koala, Lismore, New South Wales, Australia
- Advisory Trustee, WPRB 103.3 FM, the radio station of Princeton University

## **Bar Admissions**

- Massachusetts

## **Memberships**

- Boston Bar Association

## **Court and Other Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts