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Christa Hyams-Millard focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on internal investigations. She represents corporate and individual clients in a variety of matters within the health care industry, financial services industry, and digital assets space.

Christa also maintains an active pro bono practice. Her experience includes partnering with the Innocence Project to assist individuals whose convictions were based upon flawed DNA evidence with post-conviction relief and represent individuals seeking asylum in the U.S. She also partners with the Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP) to assist domestic violence survivors seeking restraining orders and child custody.

Before joining Coblentz, Christa was an associate with Ropes & Gray. She worked in the financial services industry prior to law school.

Christa earned her J.D., cum laude, from the University of California, Irvine School of Law in 2021. She received her B.A., cum laude, from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2014, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the UCLA Honors College.

## Notable Representations

### *Investigations*

- Supported response to government investigation of a pharmaceutical wholesaler covering a wide array of alleged violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act.\*
- Conducted internal investigation for professional services organization, responding to inquiry related to accounting misstatements, financial abuse, and fraud.\*
- Conducted internal investigation for health care company responding to whistleblower complaint regarding conflicts of interest

- and misuse of funds.\*
- Defended former corporate officer of a public company in SEC investigations related to accounting misstatements, resulting in the SEC downgrading its allegations from fraud to books and records violations.\*
- Conducted internal investigation for medical device company related to health care provider kickback allegations and allegations of retaliation.\*
- Represented global pharmaceutical company in inquiries by the FTC and a state attorney general into alleged violations of antitrust and consumer protection laws.\*
- Drafted employee trainings to properly investigate allegations of workplace harassment, bias, and discrimination.

### ***Litigation & Arbitration***

- Litigated on behalf of medical device manufacturer in federal district court concerning violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act.\*
- Represented clients in a wide variety of business litigation matters in California state and federal court.\*

### ***Pro Bono***

- Secured asylum for a woman and her daughters seeking asylum from gang violence in El Salvador.\*
- Secured asylum for a woman and her daughters seeking asylum from gang violence in Mexico.\*

*\*Denotes experience prior to joining Coblenz.*

## **Publications & Speaking Engagements**

- “‘Reel-Life’ Versus ‘Real-Life’ Survival: Filmic Domestic Violence And The Restorative Approach,” 13 *U.C. Irvine L. Rev.* (Spring 2022)

## **Education**

- J.D., cum laude University of California, Irvine School of Law (2021)
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