

# Abigail L. Peluso

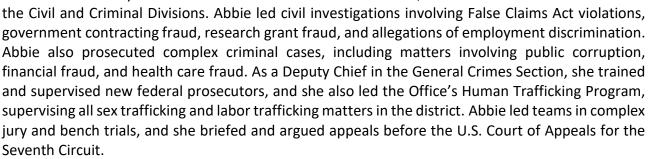
# **Partner**

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Abbie Peluso focuses on government enforcement actions, internal and external investigations, and white collar criminal matters.

Abbie has diverse experience handling sensitive, complex criminal and civil cases, and this perspective allows her to cut to the chase and get to the crux of issues quickly.

Abbie served for over 11 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, in both



Abbie has a keen ability to communicate effectively with, and relate to, clients, witnesses, juries, and the court. Abbie is adept at preparing witnesses to testify under challenging circumstances and conducting investigations involving potentially high-profile and sensitive allegations.

Health care industry clients particularly value Abbie's profound understanding of the civil and criminal aspects of heath care fraud issues and her experience in managing complex investigations into billing practices and insurance claims.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Representative Engagements

- Led prosecution team in a complex case involving a 15-count indictment, three defendants, and allegations regarding a decade-long conspiracy to commit sex trafficking.
- Conducted a joint investigation with the DOJ's Civil Fraud Section of a corporation and six individuals
  related to fraudulent billing practices at a major hospice company. Served as a trial attorney for the
  criminal trial, including handling all expert testimony.
- Conducted a civil investigation of a medical practitioner accused of fraudulent billing practices and served as a trial attorney in the criminal trial, including handling the direct examination of all experts and cross-examination of the defense expert.





#### **CREDENTIALS**

#### Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2007 Regional Champion, National Moot Court Team Best Oralist Award, Intraschool Moot Court University of Wisconsin, B.A., Legal Studies, 2004

#### **Bar Admissions**

Illinois

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

# **Professional Memberships**

Legal Aid Chicago, Ambassador's Board Women's White Collar Defense Association Chicago Chapter, Member

# **Teaching Appointments**

Adjunct Professor of Law, Loyola University School of Law (2015-2017)

### **Honors & Awards**

Leadership of Greater Chicago (LGC), Fellow (2024)

HSI Executive Associate Director Award for Outstanding Investigative Accomplishments – Child Exploitation (2022)

Illinois Leading Lawyer in Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense Law: White Collar, Law Bulletin Media Leading Lawyers (2022-2025)

FBI Director's Award for Superior Performance (2013)

#### **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- "Corporate Guardians: Trends and Considerations Affecting Gatekeeper Liability," (co-panelist) Securities Docket Webcast (December 9, 2024)
- "Protecting the Privilege During an Internal Investigation," (co-panelist) Federal Bar Association Chicago Chapter CLE Webinar (April 17, 2024)
- "Conducting Successful Internal Investigations," (co-panelist) Perrin Conferences Webinar Sponsored by RSHC (October 10, 2023)
- "Hot Topics 2022: Focus on Infrastructure and Pandemic Relief Funds," (co-moderator) American Bar Association (ABA) Civil False Claims 2022 Virtual Conference (September 14, 2022)
- "An Allied Front Against Ransomware," (co-author) Best Lawyers Legal Insights (November 4, 2021)