

TRAILBLAZERS

WHITE COLLAR CRIME

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PIONEER SPIRIT After graduating from law school, Ms. Levine served as law clerk to the Honorable Arthur L. Alarcon, United States Circuit Judge, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and as a Deputy Federal Public Defender, where she represented indigent defendants charged with a variety of federal crimes. Currently, Janet Levine is a partner in Crowell & Moring's Los Angeles office and chair of the firm's Trial Practice.

TRAILS BLAZED Ms. Levine defended a client in a rare Foreign Corrupt Practices Act case, one of just a few to ever go to trial under the law. During the five-week proceedings, Levine blasted the U.S. Department of Justice team for prosecutorial misconduct, causing the court to lift charges against her client, a Lindsey Manufacturing Co. executive implicated in a cross-border conspiracy to bribe Mexican officials. Levine's 2005 representation of Katrina Leung, the accused double agent whose scandal tarnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation's intelligence-gathering methods and embarrassed high-ranking agency officials, made headlines the world over. The case, a sensational story of an alleged socialite spy's dual interests and love affair, was covered exhaustively by national and global media — including when Levine spearheaded the dismissal of the bombshell charges, proving prosecutorial misconduct.

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS Ms. Levine notes more and more complexity to future investigations and litigation matters brought by the government due to increasing internationalization of laws, conflicting laws of different sovereigns and new types of evidence. Focus by the DOJ, SEC and various state attorney generals on pushing corporations to self-report and to inform on their officers, directors and employees will result in an increase in hard fought litigation by those individuals.