



ALEXIS COLL-VERY

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Alexis Coll-Very, a partner in Goodwin's Securities + Shareholder Litigation and Government Investigations + Enforcement practices, has more than two decades of experience in government and internal investigations, shareholder litigation and complex commercial disputes. Ms. Coll-Very regularly advises both public and private companies facing allegations of wrongdoing. She conducts internal investigations for management and boards of directors (including audit and other board committees), and represents these clients in any associated proceedings before federal, state and industry regulators, including the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice.

She also defends companies in shareholder litigation, including federal and state securities and derivative claims, advises on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and OFAC compliance, and offers strategic counseling and valuation advice in M&A and private equity transactions.

Prior to joining Goodwin, Ms. Coll-Very was a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Securities + Shareholder Litigation
Government Contracts + Disputes
Litigation + Dispute Resolution
Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
Higher Education

EXPERIENCE

Ms. Coll-Very's representative experience includes:

- Serving as lead counsel to Stanford University in an internal review of its athletics admissions processes after the announcement of the DOJ's "Varsity Blues" investigation.*
- Representing Nu Skin Enterprises in regulatory investigations and shareholder disputes arising from the announcement of regulatory action against the company by Chinese authorities.*
- Serving as lead counsel into whistleblower allegations of fraud and wrongful manipulation of the company's Cap Table at a pre-IPO tech unicorn.*
- Representing Alibaba in connection with shareholder litigation related to its historic \$25 billion IPO.*
- Serving as lead counsel for a multinational real estate services firm in an investigation of violations of the FCPA in China. Represented the company in front of the SEC and DOJ, ultimately persuading both regulators to take no action against the company.*
- Serving as lead counsel for a Chinese technology company in an investigation of alleged trade-secret theft from a U.S. company.*
- Representing the City of New York in a False Claims Act suit brought by the DOJ alleging improper Medicare expenses in excess of \$3 billion.*
- Conducting investigations for several multinational technology companies into allegations of bribery of public and private parties arising from their Brazil, China, Mexico, Middle East and Russia operations.*
- Representing a Chinese media company in an SEC investigation and a related shareholder suit triggered by a damaging report by a short seller.*
- Representing numerous private equity firms, including Silver Lake Partners, Hellman & Friedman, Elevation Partners and KKR, in lawsuits and regulatory inquiries arising from their M&A activity.*
- Acting as strategic advisor and coordinating counsel for a U.S. technology company in a worldwide dispute with its largest distributor. Matter involved lawsuits in Singapore, California and Dubai as well as arbitrations before the ICC and AAA. The allegations of tax fraud, financial fraud, anti-competitive conduct and OFAC violations against the company prompted inquiries by U.S. and Indian regulators.*
- Serving as lead counsel for a Chinese internet company in responding to whistleblower allegations of accounting and tax irregularities.*
- Representing Facet Biotech in shareholder litigation arising from the hostile tender offer by Biogen Idec.; the company successfully defeated the \$14.50 per share tender and the related litigation and ultimately sold itself for \$27 per share to Abbott Laboratories.*
- Serving as lead counsel for the sellers in a post-closing purchase price arbitration in connection with the \$2.125 billion sale of a U.S.-based portfolio company to a European purchaser.*
- Representing the audit committees of Affymetrix, BEA Systems, Oracle and VeriFone in investigations related to alleged accounting or financial wrongdoing, Westar Energy's Litigation Evaluation Committee in its investigation of alleged illegal accounting and regulatory activities.*
- Assisting various U.S. entities in evaluating and implementing anti-corruption policies and compliance programs and consulting on specific issues as they arise in the course of their operations.*

**Denotes experience prior to joining Goodwin.*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ms. Coll-Verly serves as the Board President for both the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley and the Giffords' Law

Center to Prevent Gun Violence. She is a sought-after speaker on a wide-range of corporate governance topics; she was a speaker at Stanford Directors' College in 2017 and 2019 and Stanford/NVCA Venture Capital Symposium in 2018.

RECOGNITION

Ms. Coll-Verly was named a "Top Woman Litigator in California" by *The Daily Journal* and recognized by the publication as one of the "Top Women Lawyers" in the state. In addition, the *Silicon Valley Business Journal* has honored her as a "Woman of Influence," while *The Recorder* has recognized her as one of its "Women Leaders in Technology Law."

For her work representing pro bono clients in civil rights lawsuits, Ms. Coll-Verly was honored by the ACLU of Southern California with the Reproductive Justice Award 2015. The State Bar of California awarded Ms. Coll-Verly and her team the President's Pro Bono Service Award in 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "COVID-19 Litigation and Government Investigations in the U.S.: What We Are Seeing Now, And What the Future Holds," *Goodwin Client Alert* (April 24, 2020)

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

J.D., 1995

University of Virginia School of Law

(*Virginia Environmental Law Journal*, articles editor)

A.B., 1992

Duke University

(*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

BAR

New York

California

COURTS



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U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
U.S. Supreme Court