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Lora MacDonald is of counsel in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She practices in the Firm's Litigation Department, focusing on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, and corporate compliance.

Lora has extensive experience representing multinational corporations as well as individuals in connection with internal investigations related to potential violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") and U.S. antitrust laws. As part of her practice, she regularly interacts with attorneys at the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Lora has particular experience guiding companies towards the resolution of DOJ and SEC investigations, as well as prophylactic and post-resolution corporate compliance. She has advised multiple publicly-traded companies regarding the structure and effectiveness of their anti-corruption compliance programs, working closely with corporate legal and compliance professionals to enhance policies and procedures, third-party due diligence systems, benchmarking, and corruption risk assessments. Lora regularly advises on anti-corruption aspects of proposed mergers and acquisitions, and conducts related due diligence as well as compliance program reviews and pre- and post-acquisition due diligence.

She also assists clients under investigation by the World Bank Integrity Vice Presidency and companies already subject to World Bank sanction.

Lora is recognized in the 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Criminal Defense: White-Collar.

She received her law degree from The University of Michigan Law School in 2013. During law school, she was an Articles Editor for the *Michigan Journal of International Law*. In 2009, Lora graduated with High Distinction from The University of Michigan, where she earned degrees in political science and English.

Lora is admitted to practice in the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Capabilities

White Collar Defense and Investigations
Consumer Protection
Fintech and Digital Assets
Higher Education
Litigation
National Security

Credentials

Education

University of Michigan - 2013 Juris Doctor
University of Michigan - 2009 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Maryland Bar
District of Columbia Bar

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