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Clients depend on Courtney's Department of Labor experience when facing all types of high stakes litigation and government investigations.

Courtney Walter is an associate in the Compensation, Benefits and ERISA Litigation Group. She primarily focuses on defending clients facing litigation and government investigations involving employee benefits, health care and insurance disputes, professional malpractice, and contracts.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Courtney served at the U.S. Department of Labor as senior counsel in the Office of the Solicitor, where she provided the Solicitor of Labor and senior leadership with legal advice and counsel on matters including rulemaking, litigation, and legislation. During her time at the DOL, she collaborated extensively with officials across the federal government on legal strategy. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Courtney served a critical role in assisting leadership with analysis and technical assistance on two unprecedented emergency support packages designed to provide immediate relief to Americans. She further assisted officials in drafting and issuing guidance to stakeholders on the implementation of the numerous programs and proposals introduced by the legislation, including the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefit program.

Courtney is recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® as “One to Watch” in the area of Employee Benefits (ERISA). She served a two-year federal clerkship for the Hon. Ursula Ungaro of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Before her clerkship, she practiced civil litigation as an associate attorney for a boutique law firm in Miami. Courtney attended the FIU College of Law, where she graduated as the valedictorian and served as the editor-in-chief of the *FIU Law Review*.

Representative Experience

- Representing global health insurance companies in numerous litigation matters across the country involving out-of-network reimbursement disputes, ERISA violations, and state-law claims.
- Counsel for individuals and corporations in numerous investigations conducted by Federal agencies, including the Department of Labor and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Counsel for a global health insurance company that received an \$18.8 million dollar default judgment against an individual and various healthcare billing entities responsible for a fraudulent billing scheme.
- Representing Aetna in nationwide class actions brought by out-of-network medical laboratories concerning the reimbursement rates for COVID-19 testing services.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Federal Bar Association, Membership Committee
- Penn State University Alumni Association
- FIU College of Law Alumni Association
- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Education

- Florida International University (J.D., 2013)
- Pennsylvania State University (B.A., 2009)

Admitted to Practice

- District of Columbia
- Florida

Related Services

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