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## **Alice Fisher**

**PARTNER, LATHAM & WATKINS,  
WASHINGTON**

Alice Fisher packs a suitcase bulging with credentials and experience at the U.S. Department of Justice as she deftly navigates her clients'

problems with her former agency.

After two stints in the department, one as head of the Criminal Division, Fisher applies a sure and successful hand to corporate criminal investigations and complex enforcement matters involving such clients as Walgreen Co. and Eli Lilly & Co. in the areas of securities, health care fraud, criminal antitrust and others.

At the same time, she manages an office of more than 250 attorneys and makes mentoring young attorneys a priority.

### **KEY SKILLS AND PERSONALITY TRAITS**

The ability to see what's on the horizon—that's what I try to bring to both my client service and management work. I focus on quickly understanding and finding solutions to complex issues.

### **MOST INFLUENTIAL MENTOR**

Michael Chertoff has been my longtime mentor who taught me how to be a lawyer and advocate, how to prioritize the things that matter the most and how to bring laser-like focus to those things. He also opened many doors for me and provided me with wonderful opportunities to advance my career.

—ALICE FISHER