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Amy Hargreaves

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Title: Partner
Age: 37

A partner at Latham & Watkins LLP, Hargreaves is a legal adviser to health care industry companies in a practice that deals with internal investigations, False Claims Act defense, and compliance program development and evaluation.

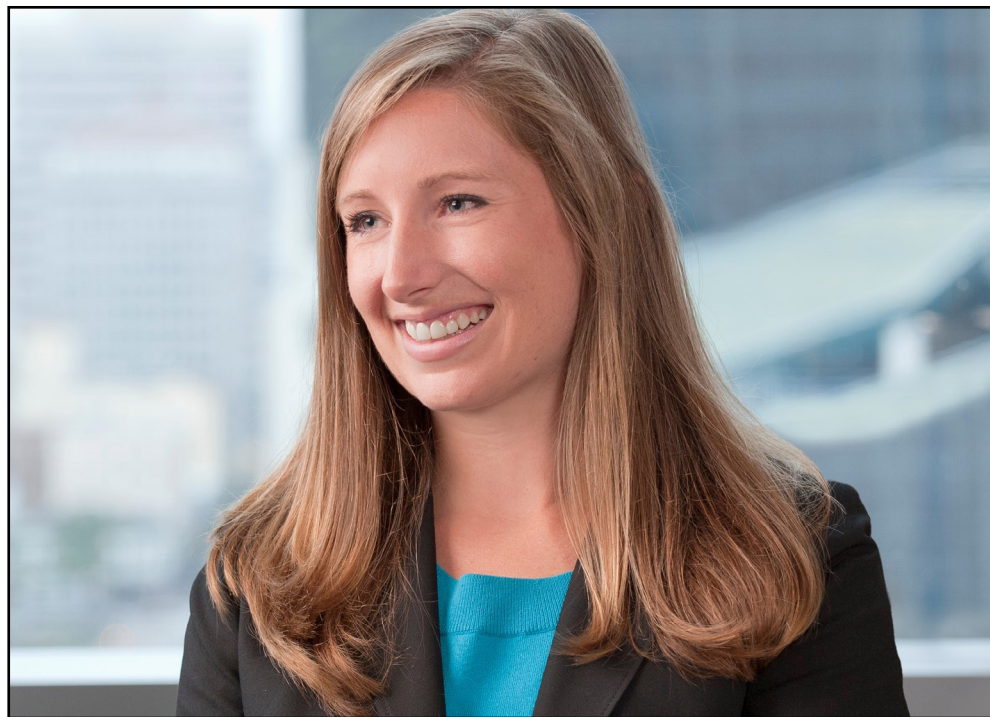
Her duties in this complex field require her to keep pace with a rapidly changing enforcement environment. The work ranges from internal compliance issues to civil and criminal investigations. She works with a variety of clients, including large hospital systems, medical device companies, and pharmaceutical companies. Her tasks can range from government criminal investigations to internal compliance issues.

False Claims Act enforcement in the health care industry is complex and highly specialized, Hargreaves noted.

“You have to develop a robust expertise in that area,” she said. “It can become very high profile, and is high-risk, especially for small companies. A major False Claims Act litigation loss can be devastating. If the matter can be resolved before full-blown litigation begins, that exposure can be managed.”

She noted that multiple entities can be involved and numerous witnesses may need to be interviewed. Hargreaves said she is supported by her firm’s team.

“I’m very fortunate to be able to do the work I do and live here in San Diego,” she said. “We have such incredible expertise in our office, and I love being able to help peo-



ple through these types of investigations.”

In California, she leads the Latham team representing a pharmacy and telehealth company in a confidential insurance fraud and Medicaid false claims investigation that began in September 2019. It involves two state enforcement entities.

Hargreaves has devoted significant time to improving representation of women and other diverse people. She said she has always

been interested in the way the law impacts people’s lives.

“I had always thought I’d do something related to law or politics,” she said. “When I went to law school that was always the goal. I’ve found a good balance representing companies providing a critical public service, and helping ensure they can continue to do so.”

— Emmet Pierce

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