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Combining legal skill and practical business knowledge, Jana serves as a trusted adviser to companies and individuals, addressing their legal challenges in a consistent and comprehensive manner to help them eliminate obstacles, reduce risk and seize opportunity.

She is well versed in white collar criminal defense and compliance, including the intricacies of conducting internal investigations and the nuances of serving as pool counsel. She also is a skilled commercial litigator with extensive trial experience.

Beyond litigation, Jana serves as outside general counsel to a large health care provider. She manages a full range of legal matters involving real estate, labor and employment, medical staffing issues, compliance with HIPAA and other health care regulations, data privacy, civil litigation and nonprofit/corporate governance issues.

White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance

When businesses need clarity on allegations of in-house wrongdoing, Jana conducts meticulous internal investigations to uncover misconduct and identify the parties involved, the scope of their misdeeds and the methods used to perpetuate and conceal them. Using that information, she helps clients take corrective action, make voluntary disclosures, cooperate with external investigators, recover funds and make changes to mitigate the risk of similar conduct in the future.

Over the years, she has conducted internal investigations for nonprofits, public companies and closely-held private companies, as well as businesses that operate across state and international borders. She also helps clients draft, improve and implement corporate compliance programs.

Jana often represents corporations, officers, executives and other professionals in investigations conducted by both state and federal prosecutors. She has experience representing witnesses testifying before grand juries, responding to grand jury subpoenas and defending clients against alleged False Claims Act violations.

Health Law

In addition to serving as outside general counsel for a large health care provider, Jana advises hospitals, physicians and other entities on a variety of regulatory, commercial and litigation matters specific to the industry, including professional licensing, prescription drug laws and contract negotiations.

Jana also helps providers with disclosures and reimbursements to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. She often defends clients against claims brought under the False Claims Act, obtaining dismissals and other favorable dispositions.

Commercial Litigation

A seasoned commercial litigator, Jana knows the risks and issues businesses commonly face. She represents clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts as well as in alternative dispute resolution proceedings, including mediation and arbitration. Her diverse litigation experience includes matters involving fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, civil and criminal Clean Air and Clean Water Act violations and injunctive relief.

Understanding that the best, most efficient resolution to litigation can often be found outside the courtroom, she is adept at striking settlements that advance her clients' business goals. When a trial is called for, Jana is a tenacious advocate, protecting their vital interests in court.

Services

- Litigation
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- E-Discovery
- Environmental
- Health Law
- Law Firms & Attorneys
- Residential Health Care Facilities
- Securities Industry
- White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance
- International

Before Fox Rothschild

Jana grew up in a family that owns funeral homes and a wholesale produce business. She worked at her family's wholesale produce business throughout high school and college, learning firsthand what it takes to operate such a business on a daily basis and giving her unique insight into the challenges facing businesses, in particular small and family-owned businesses, and a better understanding of how to overcome those challenges.

Additionally, Jana is a former intern for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, where she served on the Drug Task Force. She also served as an intern for the Honorable Terrence McVerry of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. At Harvard Law School, Jana was a teaching assistant to Professor Bruce Hay, worked on the *Journal on Legislation* and volunteered with the Harvard Defenders.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Jana is actively engaged in the community. She serves on the Board of Trustees for Grove City College and is a past president of its Alumni Council. She also is a founding member and current Chapter Leader of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Women's White Collar Defense Association, and a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc.'s Leadership Development Initiative, Class XXI.

Previously, Jana was a member of the Board of Directors of Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Regional Board of Strong Women, Strong Girls. She also served on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania, as well as on its Young Professionals Board, which focuses on teaching students work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills.

Additionally, Jana speaks and writes on a variety of legal topics, including internal investigations, pool counsel, eyewitness testimony, restitution, and the drafting, revising and implementing of corporate compliance programs.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2010)
- Grove City College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2007)

Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association – Federal Court Council
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Federal Court Section – Criminal Practice Subcommittee
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Women's White Collar Defense Association
 - Chapter Leader, Pittsburgh (2024)

Board of Directors

- Grove City College – Board of Trustees
- Grove City College – Alumni Council (Past President)
- Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania – Board of Directors (former)
- Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania – Young Professionals Board (Past Chair)
- Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania (former)

Honors & Awards

- Recognized in the *Chambers USA* Guide for Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations in Pennsylvania (2021-2023)
- Selected to the "Lawyers on the Fast Track" list by *The Legal Intelligencer* (2023)
- Selected to the 40 & Under Northeast list for White Collar Crime and Commercial Litigation in Pennsylvania by *Benchmark Litigation* (2022)