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Sheila Gowan joined Diamond McCarthy as a partner in the New York Office in April 2008. She is a trial and appellate attorney specializing in complex litigation and internal investigations. She has tried a constitutional case, and employment, tort, tax and environmental cases.

Sheila was formerly Senior Litigation Counsel in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York where she was responsible for handling major complex litigations, prosecuting civil and joint civil/criminal fraud investigations for federally funded programs, and supervising civil fraud investigations and cases. She also held the positions of Affirmative Civil Enforcement Coordinator and Health Care Fraud Coordinator. While working for the government, she negotiated fraud settlements recovering over \$225 million, a tax settlement recovering \$5.35 million, and property settlements recovering important historical materials relating to the Kennedy Administration. She previously was an associate attorney at Proskauer Rose LLP.

While in law school, Sheila served as the Executive Articles & Research Editor for the Law Review. She received the Dean's Academic Achievement Scholarship Award, the American Jurisprudence Award Intensive Trial Advocacy and the West Publishing Company Merit Award. Her Note Civil Rico Adjudication In State Court: Is The Plaintiff Welcome? is published at 54 Brook.L.Rev. 893 Fall 1988.

In connection with her government service, Sheila received two Attorney General's Awards for Distinguished Service (2001 and 2005), the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney (2003); FBI Director Mueller Recognition for Outstanding Prosecutive Skills and Assistance to the Bureau (2003); and The Stimson Medal - presented by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York for outstanding contributions to the Office of the United States Attorney (2007). She has also been honored by the U.S. Postal Service, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Her speaking engagements have included "Fraud: What You Do Not Know Can Hurt You and Your Organization" presented to medical center CFOs, CEOs and trustees; "The Next Step: What Should Happen After a Case has been Accepted" for the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association; "A Public-Private Partnership: The Investigation and Prosecution of a Qui Tam Case" for the Taxpayer's Against Fraud Education Fund; "Combating Fraud & Abuse in Federal Programs" presented to MBA candidates at the Columbia University Graduate School of Business; and "Rules of Engagement: How to Earn Respect, Take Control and Get the Corner Office" presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Committee On Women In The Law of the New York State Bar Association.

She is a member of the Bar of the State of New York and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Federal Circuit, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of Maryland, and the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Location:

New York, New York

Education:

University of Minnesota,
BA Liberal Arts, 1976

Brooklyn Law School
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1989

Areas of Practice:

Complex litigation and trial work
Appellate work
Health Care litigation
Internal Investigations & Monitor
Engagements