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Women on the Record: Who Speaks and Why? — Women in Criminal Law

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Honorable Deborah A. Batts  
**U.S. District Judge**  
**Southern District of New York**

Professor Deborah A. Batts is a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. She was nominated by President William J. Clinton in 1994 and was sworn in as a judge on June 23, 1994 by the Honorable Lawrence W. Pierce of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Judge Batts received her undergraduate degree from Radcliffe College in 1969 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1972 where she served on the editorial board of the Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review. Upon graduation, she clerked for Judge Pierce, then a United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York.

In 1973, Judge Batts became an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in the litigation department. In 1979, she became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York in the Criminal Division. In 1984, Judge Batts joined the faculty at Fordham University School of Law; she became a tenured Associate Professor of Law in May, 1990. While at Fordham, Professor Batts taught Property, Legal Research and Writing, Federal Criminal Pre-Trial Procedure, Domestic Relations and an advanced Domestic Relations Seminar on Non-Traditional Families. Judge Batts resigned her tenure when she went on the bench in 1994, but continues to teach at Fordham as an Adjunct Professor.

From 1973 to the present, Judge Batts has been a member of various bar associations including The Bar Association of the City of New York, the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and the Lesbian and Gay Law Association of Greater New York (LeGal). In addition, she has served on various committees of these associations as well as on the Boards of several educational institutions. Judge Batts was awarded an honorary degree by CUNY School of Law in 1998. She is currently a member of the CUNY School of Law Board of Visitors.

In 1990-91, she served as Special Associate Counsel of the Department of Investigation of the City of New York. From 1990 to 1994, Judge Batts was a Commissioner on the Law Revision Commission, State of New York.

In June, 2001, Judge Batts was a Team Member of the Crowley Program in International Human Rights’ Mission to Ghana, West Africa to observe the impact on the status of women in the area of inheritance of PNDCL 111, passed in 1985.

In October, 2001, an oil portrait of Judge Batts by Simmie Knox, which had been commissioned by the Harvard Law School Association’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alumni/ae Committee, was unveiled at Harvard Law School and accepted on behalf of the school by Dean Robert C. Clark.
Anna Mercado Clark ’05  
**Partner**  
Phillips Lytle LLP

Ms. Clark leads the Cyber Security and Data Privacy and e-Discovery & Digital Forensics Practice Teams at Phillips Lytle LLP, a full service law firm in the U.S. and Canada. Her practice is focused on complex e-Discovery and digital forensics, cyber security and data privacy, and complex commercial litigation. As a former Assistant District Attorney, she also defends organizations and individuals in white collar criminal matters and investigations, as well as enforcement actions. Often, these matters involve global institutions and involve cross-border proceedings or data transfers. She is a member of EDRM at Duke Law, a community of e-Discovery and legal professionals who create practical resources to improve e-Discovery and information governance, including cross-border data transfers in light of the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”). She regularly speaks at national and international conferences regarding her practice areas and the intersection of technology and the law.

Ms. Clark obtained her B.A. in Biology from Rutgers University and J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. While in law school, she interned for the Hon. Denny Chin of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and received numerous moot court awards, including Best Oralist at the Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition. She has since also received the following recognitions: New York Metro Super Lawyers® Rising Star from 2014 through 2018, Profiles in Diversity Journal’s 17th Annual Woman Worth Watching Award, 2018 Hon. Denny Chin Alumni Award for Excellence in the Legal Profession, and the 2010 Woman Achiever Award from the Pan American Concerned Citizens Action League.

Ms. Clark has been awarded the Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E) designation by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), a preeminent certification for advanced concentration in European data protection laws, standards and practices.

She is a member of her firm’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee, where she helped launch and facilitates a pipeline diversity program called “Peace Out!” She is a founding member of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA-NY), for which she was the inaugural Vice President and former Board Member. She is a member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York’s trial reenactment team, as well as a founding member of the National Filipino American Lawyers’ Association (NFALA).

Alexandra Sasha Fisher ’16  
**Staff Attorney, Criminal Practice**  
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Alexandra (Sasha) Fisher was born and raised in San Francisco, California. She attended Fordham University at Rose Hill and graduated with a degree in History and Anthropology before attending Fordham Law School. While in law school she interned with the Children’s Law Center, the Legal Aid Society, and New York County Defender Services. In addition she represented the parents of children with special needs in the Family Defense Clinic, and worked with the Criminal Defense Clinic for two semesters. She was on the board of the Domestic Violence Action Center, Fordham Law Defenders, the Environmental Law Review, YouthLaw and the Moot Court Team. During law school Sasha was an active member of Stein Scholars, a group of students dedicated to public interest law, and continues to participate in the program.
after graduation. It was during her Stein classes that she discovered her passion for public defense. She received the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award magna cum laude for performing over 1000 hours of public service during law school and the Robert Aram Runzulli Prize in Criminal Law upon graduation. Sasha is proud to be a Brooklyn Defender and looks forward to serving her clients.

Rita Glavin ’96  
Partner, Litigation Group; Co-Head, Government Enforcement and Internal Investigations Practice  
Seward & Kissel  
Rita M. Glavin is a partner in the Litigation group and co-head of the Government Enforcement and Internal Investigations practice at Seward & Kissel. She advises companies around the globe on regulatory and security issues, including the FCPA, U.S. securities laws, the Bank Secrecy Act, False Claims Act, Anti-Kickbacks Statute, economic espionage, and cybercrime. She has represented both companies and individuals in criminal and civil enforcement investigations, including matters dealing with insider trading, money laundering, securities law violations, LIBOR manipulation, RMBS and CDO matters, FCPA violations, antitrust violations, OFAC and IEEPA issues, public corruption matters, campaign finance violations, ERISA violations, fraud, and theft of trade secrets. Ms. Glavin is also a seasoned trial lawyer, having been trial counsel in 20 federal jury trials, and handling numerous appeals. She recently obtained acquittals on all criminal charges against the former Executive Director of the law firm Dewey & LeBoeuf following a 14-week jury trial in New York State Supreme Court.

Ms. Glavin brings extensive experience to white collar and enforcement matters. Prior to entering private practice in 2010, she worked for almost 12 years in the U.S. Department of Justice and served as head of the DOJ’s Criminal Division in 2009, where she supervised more than 400 attorneys in enforcing federal law in such areas as the FCPA, corporate crimes, health care fraud, campaign finance, public corruption, money laundering, securities fraud, cybercrime, and mortgage fraud. In her leadership roles at DOJ, Ms. Glavin worked extensively on corporate and financial crime issues with the leadership at other federal agencies including the SEC and Department of the Treasury, and she interacted regularly with Congress, coordinating DOJ’s response to various Congressional inquiries and testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Financial Services Committee.

Before taking on leadership positions at the DOJ Criminal Division, Ms. Glavin served as a federal prosecutor with the DOJ’s Public Integrity Section from 1998 to 2003, and from 2003 to 2010 she was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York. As a line prosecutor, she personally handled hundreds of criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Ms. Glavin began her legal career as a Law Clerk to the Honorable John F. Keenan, Southern District of New York, where she worked from 1996 to 1998. She has been a Director for Fordham Law School’s Alumni Association Board since 2008.
Elaine K. Lou ‘09  
**Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division**  
**U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of New Jersey**

Elaine K. Lou is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey. She is currently in the Organized Crime/Gangs Unit, where she focuses on the investigation and prosecution of firearms, narcotics, and gang-related violent offenses.

Ms. Lou obtained her B.A. in International Studies and French from the Johns Hopkins University and J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. While at Fordham, Ms. Lou was the Symposium Editor of the International Law Journal, a board member of the Fordham Student Sponsored Fellowship, and a member of Fordham Law Women. She also interned at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York for a semester and worked at the International Justice Clinic for two semesters representing a client held at Guantánamo Bay Naval Station in habeas corpus proceedings. Ms. Lou was a recipient of the Public Interest Resource Center Student Leadership Award, as well as the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award, summa cum laude, for performing over 1000 hours of public service during law school.

Following her graduation from Fordham, Ms. Lou was a litigation associate at Linklaters LLP in New York from 2009 to 2011. She also served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Kevin Thomas Duffy in the Southern District of New York from 2011 to 2012. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Ms. Lou was a litigation associate at Ballard Spahr LLP (formerly Stillman & Friedman, P.C.), where she represented clients in front of federal, state, and local courts and agencies in a variety of white collar, regulatory, commercial, and CJA matters. She was honored as one of two New York State Bar Association 2015 Empire State Counsel Outstanding Pro Bono Volunteers for her work as a member of the screening committee for the Clemency Project 2014 and as a co-author of a successful presidential clemency petition.