

Cris Arguedas is recognized as one of the finest criminal defense lawyers in the United States. In her more than 20 years in private practice, she has represented high-profile clients in some of the most visible cases around the country, as well as many little-known clients on relatively routine matters that never make the nightly news.

Cris is equally adept at defending complex white-collar cases, celebrity athletes, sensational murders, and the full range of less serious criminal cases.

As state and federal governments have dramatically increased the use of criminal sanctions as a means of regulatory enforcement, Cris' practice has focused on the defense of individuals or corporations who are subject to criminal investigations and/or prosecution for actual or perceived violations of regulations related to business practices.

Cris represents clients in every stage of criminal proceedings. Many of her most successful cases are investigations which are concluded without prosecution. Her trial skills serve as a major threat to prosecutors around the country, and she is frequently called in after indictment to try a case in which negotiations have failed. Her trial experience extends from state and federal courts in California to federal courts across the nation ranging from New York City to the Territory of Guam. Her wide range of experience includes defending cases involving theft of intellectual property, securities violations, environmental violations, antitrust violations, bank fraud, medicare fraud, governmental contract fraud, tax fraud, and other types of business/financial crimes.

Singled out for her thorough preparation, shrewd strategizing, and impressive courtroom skills, Cris has been named the lawyer other lawyers would hire if they got arrested (*California Lawyer*), one of the 10 best lawyers in the Bay Area (*San Francisco Chronicle*, *Northern California Super Lawyers*), one of the 50 most influential women lawyers in the United States (*National Law Journal*), one of the 100 top lawyers in California (*San Francisco Daily Journal*, *The Recorder*), one of the five top women lawyers in the country (*Time*), and one of the leading defense lawyers in the United States (*New York Times*).

Cris's expertise also makes her a highly sought-after lecturer, teacher, and advisor to public officials in both major parties. She has served on advisory committees for San Francisco's district attorney and the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California. Cris has been appointed to several commissions on judicial standards by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George. Cris has also chaired and is currently a member of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer's Federal Judicial Selection Committee, which recommends nominees for the United States District Court and for the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California. Cris also teaches Criminal Trial Advocacy at Boalt Hall School of Law.

Cris is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and a former president of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice.