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A partner in the firm's Litigation Department, Lorna Schofield's practice focuses on litigation in complex commercial matters, particularly the defense of companies and individuals in regulatory and white collar criminal investigations. She also conducts internal and independent investigations on behalf of companies, their Boards of Directors and Audit Committees. On the civil side, she represents clients in private disputes, including class actions, corporate bankruptcies, business fraud, professional liability and commercial disputes.

Ms. Schofield has defended clients before the U.S. Department of Justice, the SEC, FTC, EPA, as well as state attorneys general and other state regulators. Clients in these matters have been engaged in the financial services, insurance and reinsurance, accounting, telecommunications, and pesticide industries, among others. She has also led internal investigations at a major software development company and an American automobile manufacturer.

Ms. Schofield is an experienced trial attorney, building on the trial experience she gained as a federal prosecutor. Her trials include the successful defense of celebrity Rosie O'Donnell at trial in a \$100 million lawsuit brought by the former publishers of *Rosie* magazine and a class action jury trial for one of the Big Four accounting firms in which the jury returned a favorable verdict after only 30 minutes.

Prior to joining Debevoise, from 1984 to 1988, Ms. Schofield served as an Assistant US Attorney in the Criminal Division of the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where a majority of her cases involved commercial or financial fraud. During the height of the Iran-Contra scandal, she prosecuted 10 arms dealers, who were charged with defrauding the US Government to sell arms to Iran. Another major investigation that Ms. Schofield handled focused on a complex tax and customs fraud, involving import quotas on designer jeans.

Ms. Schofield chairs the ABA Section of Litigation (approximately 68,000 members) in which she has been active for many years. She was listed as one of "The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" in 2008 by *The National Law Journal*. Ms. Schofield has demonstrated U.S. trial techniques

in mock trials for foreign and American lawyers in Hong Kong, Argentina and England. She has testified and provided commentary on proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, concerning class actions and discovery. Following the O'Donnell trial, many news programs, including the *Today Show*, extensively interviewed Ms. Schofield. Dan Rather on *Sixty Minutes II* interviewed her on corporate confidentiality agreements and sealing orders. Ms. Schofield has written and spoken frequently about trial tactics and women in the legal profession. In addition to the American Bar Association, she is also a member of the American Law Institute, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York Council of Defense Lawyers.

Ms. Schofield joined Debevoise in 1988 and became a partner in 1991. She received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Indiana University and her J.D. from New York University, where she was an editor on the *New York University Law Review*.

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