

## Lawyers



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Nicole Friedlander is a partner in Sullivan & Cromwell's Criminal Defense and Investigations Group and co-head of its Cybersecurity Practice. Ms. Friedlander represents clients in complex internal investigations, regulatory enforcement proceedings and criminal matters involving every aspect of white-collar crime, including fraud, FCPA, insider trading, theft of trade secrets, money laundering and tax matters. Ms. Friedlander also advises major corporations and Boards of Directors in cybersecurity planning and incident response. She currently serves as co-chair of the New York Chapter of the Women's White Collar Defense Association and as a member of the New York City Bar Association's White Collar Crime Committee.

Ms. Friedlander joined the Firm in 2016 from the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where she was Chief of the Complex Frauds and Cybercrime Unit, and served for over eight years. In white-collar, among a wide range of cases, Ms. Friedlander led major prosecutions of offshore banks for facilitating tax evasion; secured one of the largest-ever FCPA resolutions; led cutting edge prosecutions of virtual currency exchangers for money laundering and Bank Secrecy Act violations; and brought a groundbreaking racketeering case against the owner of multibillion-dollar payday lending companies. In cybersecurity, Ms. Friedlander led the successful investigation of the largest-ever cyber theft of customer data from a U.S. financial institution; oversaw the indictment of Iranian state-sponsored hackers for coordinating cyberattacks on 46 financial institutions; and prosecuted a Russian national for hacking U.S. banks in a case the FBI named one of its top ten of the year. Ms. Friedlander was also a part of the litigation team that challenged an internet services provider to comply with a warrant, leading to Congress' passage of the CLOUD Act.

During her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Friedlander also successfully tried numerous federal criminal cases and briefed and argued appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

#### PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

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**Criminal Defense & Investigations**

**Cybersecurity**

**FCPA & Anti-Corruption**

#### EDUCATION

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**2001, New York University School of Law, J.D.**

**1998, University of Pennsylvania, B.A.**

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

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**New York**

### ***Selected Rankings and Recognitions***

- Named to Cybersecurity Docket's "Incident Response 30" (2019)
- Named to *Global Investigations Review's* Top 100 Women in Investigations worldwide (2018)
- Named a Rising Star by *The New York Law Journal* (2016)
- Recipient of National Association of Former U.S. Attorneys' Exceptional Service Award (2015)
- Recipient of Federal Executive Board's Distinguished Teamwork Award (2013)
- Named Federal Law Enforcement Foundation's "Prosecutor of the Year" (2012)

### ***Recent Speaking Engagements and Events***

- "Business Email Compromises" (Incident Response Forum 2020, April 14, 2020)
- "Global Enforcement Trends" (New York City Bar's International White Collar Crime Symposium, December 3, 2019)
- "Into the Breach: Dealing with Law Enforcement and Counsel in a Cyber-Crisis" (RSA Conference, March 6, 2019)
- "Former White Collar Defendants Speak" (New York City Bar's 7th Annual White Collar Crime Institute, May 9, 2018)
- Keynote with Brian Krebs (Legaltech 2018, January 30, 2018)
- "What Makes a Hacker? Two Cyber Experts Explain" (Fortune, July 26, 2017)
- "Responding to Emerging Threats in Cybersecurity" (Sullivan & Cromwell and the Harvard Law School Women's Alliance (HLSWA), July 13, 2017)
- "Commencing the Internal Investigation: Considerations at the Outset" (PLI's Internal Investigations 2017, June 19, 2017)
- "Managing Risks in the Current and Emerging Threat Landscape" (New York Bankers Association, May 16, 2017)
- "Maximizing Leniency in Government FCPA Investigations" (PLI's The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and International Anti-Corruption Developments, April 25, 2017)
- "Cross-Border Cybersecurity Threats" (Harvard Law School, April 21, 2017)