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EDUCATION

New York University School of Law

Cornell University

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of New York

U.S. District Courts:

Southern District of New York

Eastern District of New York

Biography

Effie Blassberger is an experienced trial attorney who specializes in white collar criminal defense matters, employment disputes, and commercial litigation. A major focus of Effie's practice is #MeToo litigation, where she has represented numerous high-profile clients. Because she has experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in these cases, Effie has unusual insight into the dynamics they involve. Her mastery of these cases and her extraordinary commitment to her clients have enabled her to obtain many seven-figure resolutions for victims.

Prior to joining Clayman Rosenberg Kirshner & Linder LLP, Effie was an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County, where she prosecuted more than 600 cases and tried more than a half dozen to verdict as lead counsel. As a prosecutor, she handled a wide variety of matters, including violent felonies, economic crimes, domestic violence, and DWI offenses.

Before serving in the Queens District Attorney's Office, Effie was a senior associate at Linklaters LLP, an international law firm. Her practice focused primarily on white collar criminal defense, commercial litigation, and domestic and international arbitrations. At Linklaters, Effie represented clients on a variety of criminal and regulatory investigations conducted by the Department of Justice, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, FINRA, SEC, and the Prudential Regulatory Authority.

Representative Matters

Advocated for victims of sexual harassment and assault, pursuing claims under the Adult Survivor's Act, the Child Victim's Act, New York City's Victims of Gender Motivated Violence Act, and other relevant state and federal laws. Successfully litigated numerous high-profile "Me Too" cases, securing many seven-figure settlements.

Represented an individual in a Title IX institutional hearing and investigation, successfully navigating complex procedural and evidentiary issues and securing a favorable outcome.

Defended a medical professional in a federal healthcare fraud investigation related to the submission of fraudulent insurance claims, negotiating a favorable settlement that avoided criminal charges.

Represented an individual in an investigation by the New York Attorney General's Office into potential violations of the Martin Act, resulting in no criminal prosecution.

Defended a client in a joint EDNY/SEC investigation into alleged false representations in financial statements, leading to no criminal prosecution.

Achieved numerous dismissals in criminal cases involving assault, weapon possession, and domestic violence allegations.

Represented an executive victimized by cryptocurrency-related fraud and secured a full recovery of his assets.

Defended an individual falsely charged with rape, successfully securing the dismissal of all criminal charges.

Represented a CEO facing imminent termination for cause, successfully negotiating with the company to secure a termination without cause, thereby entitling the client to his full severance benefits outlined in his employment agreement.

Highlights

- Named to The National Law Journal's Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar list in 2026
- Individually ranked in the 2026 Chambers USA Guide for White Collar & Government Investigations, Band 5
- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America* list for Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2024–2027
- Recognized in the 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Civil Rights & Plaintiff Employment Lawyers Guide
- Recognized as one of the next generation of legal leaders in America by Lawdragon
- Selected to Rising Stars by the New York Law Journal in 2023
- Recognized by the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40
- Recognized by the National Women Trial Lawyers Top 25 Trial Lawyers
- Member of the Criminal Advocacy Committee of the New York City Bar Association
- Member of the Women in the Legal Profession Committee of the New York City Bar Association
- Member of the Women's White Collar Defense Association
- Long-standing board member of Friends of the Children, an organization dedicated to ending generational poverty through salaried, professional mentoring
- Member of the New York State Bar Association's White Collar Committee
- Member of the White Collar Committee of the New York City Bar Association

- Appointee to the New York City Bar Working Group on Court of Appeals Nomination Process
- Vice President of the NYU Law Alumni Association Board
- Member of the American Inns of Court at the Federal Bar Council

Publications

The Next Wave of GMVA Litigation: Corporate Liability, Preemption, and Strategic Forum Selection

New York Law Journal, May 26, 2026 > Read article.

New York City Amends the Gender-Motivated Violence Act To Create a New 18-Month Revival Window to Reopen Civil Claims

New York Law Journal, February 3, 2026 > Read article.

Justice in the Post #MeToo Era: Evolving Recognition for Survivors

Capitalism Today, August 13, 2025 > Read article.

#MeToo in 2025: Where Do We Stand Now?

New York Law Journal, July 14, 2025 > Read article.

Blake Lively's Case Highlights How Pre-Litigation Subpoenas Can Expose Harassment in Hollywood

New York Law Journal, January 16, 2025 > Read article.

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