

Dedication to Justice Award Recipient



Faith Gay is a founding partner at Selendy Gay Elsberg.

In a nationally recognized career spanning more than three decades, Faith has been lead counsel in over 35 jury trials and has successfully navigated

bet-the-company crises and investigations for scores of Fortune 500 companies. Before founding Selendy Gay Elsberg, Faith was co-chair of national trial practice at one of the country's top litigation firms and a highly respected federal prosecutor.

Faith is a former chief of the Civil Rights Unit (Criminal Division) and deputy chief of the Special Prosecutions Unit in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. With deep experience in plaintiff and defense matters, she divides her time between complex civil litigation, corporate governance, and white-collar and regulatory investigations.

In her commercial practice, she focuses on complex contractual and financial instrument disputes, securities, antitrust and bankruptcy litigation, intellectual property disputes, and consumer class actions. She also has extensive experience in Board and Special Committee assignments, representation of C-Suite executives and high net worth individuals in corporate and family law matters, and, first and foremost, in resolving litigation that is seriously compromised and requires emergency re-shaping.

Her long roster of high-profile clients that she has served as national or lead trial counsel includes the American Federation of Teachers, Bausch, Bridgewater, Coca-Cola, Colgate, Domtar, Edge & Node, E-Trade, Home Depot, MacAndrews & Forbes, McKinsey & Company, Novartis, Nuance, Pfizer, Regeneron, Revlon, Sandoz, and Schwab. In her white-collar practice, Faith has represented individuals and corporations in investigations by the SEC, FINRA, DOJ, FDA, IRS, EPA, DOD, and numerous state attorneys general.

Faith has also devoted significant time and energy to public interest litigation. She recently obtained a complete reversal of Marissa Alexander's conviction and mandatory 20-year sentence for allegedly firing a warning shot at her serially abusive spouse. She co-founded the American Immigration Representation Project to provide lawyers to immigrant detainees in response to new federal immigration and deportation policies. Faith also represented New York Governor David Patterson in a victory the New York Times called "stunning" in upholding the appointment of Richard Ravitch as Lieutenant Governor. She has litigated numerous other civil rights, criminal, immigration, and voting rights matters on a pro bono basis.

Faith earned her J.D. from the Northwestern University School of Law, where she serves on the Law Board Executive Committee and the Law Dean Search Committee. She is a Trustee of the Public Theater, a member of the American Law Institute, and serves as a board member of the American Constitution Society, Campaign Legal Center, the Clark Foundation, and Union Theological Seminary.