

Sidney Powell

Sidney Powell has been lead counsel in more than 500 federal appeals resulting in more than 180 published decisions. She has represented clients in complex federal appeals and consults in complex federal litigation in civil and selective criminal cases. Her representative cases traverse many areas of substantive law: real estate, employment, airplane crashes, health care and medical malpractice, environmental issues, oil and gas, contract claims, patent, trademark, copyright, and other civil actions. She has also represented judges and lawyers on ethical issues and sanctions. For most of the last decade, she represented one of the Merrill Lynch executives in the Enron or “Nigerian Barge” litigation, in which she uncovered evidence that the Enron Task Force Prosecutors “plainly suppressed” evidence that was favorable to the defense.

Ms. Powell is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers for which she served in 2001-2002 as President. She has long been a member of the Board of Governors of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association for which she also served as President and as Editor of the Fifth Circuit Reporter for 20 years and as program director for the annual appellate practice conference.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina, where she also attended law school, Ms. Powell was the youngest Assistant United States Attorney in the country when she began with the United States Attorney’s Office in the Western District of Texas. She later chaired its Appellate Section. Thereafter, she began an Appellate Section for the Northern District of Texas. She also served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia where she obtained the conviction of a local attorney for bankruptcy fraud.

In May 2014, she published [*Licensed To Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice*](#). This extraordinary work reads like a legal thriller, but it’s true. It reveals to the layman and the broader Bar the insidious prosecutorial misconduct infecting the government’s cases against Alaska Senator Ted Stevens and the Merrill Lynch executives in the Enron litigation, including the dramatic distinctions in the responses to the two cases by both the judiciary and the Department of Justice.

She now speaks and writes widely on issues of prosecutorial and government misconduct, and she has broken news on the IRS email scandal. She writes regularly for the [New York Observer](#), for the NRO, Fox, and others. Her book [Licensed to Lie](#) was recently featured by John Stossel on his show and in his weekly column. She has spoken at the CATO Institute, which appeared on [C-SPAN Book TV](#), and she has appeared on NewsMax TV, Cavuto, and many local stations—television and radio.

Ms. Powell has also written and taught extensively in the area of federal appellate practice, including for the Attorney General’s Advocacy Institute of the United States Department

of Justice. Her most recent legal publication is the Chapter *Evaluating an Appeal—Strategic Thinking Before and During The Appeal* in the book *Appellate Practice in Federal and State Courts* (Law Journal Press, September 2014).

She is continuing her writing, working toward policy reform in our criminal justice system, consulting in various cases, and beginning a Justice Institute for the [London Center in New York](#).

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