



## Claire Johnson

Associate

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Claire Johnson represents individuals who are the subject of either internal or government investigations into a range of high-stakes allegations. Claire specializes in data breach and financial services investigations.

She also maintains an active civil litigation practice, including healthcare antitrust, false advertising class actions, complex contractual disputes, and constitutional tax matters. She handles both dispositive and discovery motions.

Finally, Claire maintains an active pro bono practice, including the recent expungement of the criminal records of trafficking victims.

Claire is distinguished by her approach to client service. Prior to studying law, Claire spent three years working as a congressional aide, where she developed a deep background in overcoming legal and bureaucratic hurdles for constituents. She is committed to serving her clients as a counselor, problem-solver and advocate in unique and difficult situations.

Before joining Farella, Ms. Johnson interned with both the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

## Experience

### Yahoo Cyber Breach Investigation

Representing several key executives and numerous employees in the Yahoo Cyber Breach investigation (client identities confidential) and follow-on regulatory and criminal investigations. This investigation involves possibly the most significant data breach in history. In addition to a recently concluded internal investigation by a special committee of Yahoo's Board, Yahoo and its individuals are under investigation by the SEC, DOJ, and FTC, and are subject to dozens of civil lawsuits, as a result of allegations that some employees at the company knew about the data breach in 2014 and failed to escalate that information appropriately. As lead counsel for the Yahoo individuals in this high profile white collar matter, the Farella team is addressing some of the most complex and evolving white collar defense issues of the present day.

### Wells Fargo Bank

Serve as counsel for eighteen Wells Fargo current and former employees ranging from senior executives to a member of the Wells Fargo litigation department to private financial advisers in internal (Audit Committee) and multiple federal government (DOJ, SEC, OCC, and state attorneys general) investigations and civil suits regarding allegations of improper retail and wealth management sales practices and improper consumer lending practices.

### Uber Technologies, Inc. Cyber Breach Investigation

Representing former Uber Information Security lead in internal and follow-on investigations regarding several

## Services

- Business Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Corporate Investigations

## Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2015)
  - . Editor, *National Security Law Journal*; President, Board of Student Advisers
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A., 2009)
  - . *cum laude*

## Bar Admissions

- California

alleged un-reported cyber breaches.

#### **Former Secretary of State George Shultz**

Counsel for former Secretary of State George Shultz as non-party trial witness in two separate cases, one in federal district court in California and one in the Delaware Chancery Court. *Colman v. Theranos, et al.*, U.S. Dist. Ct. N.D. CA and *Partner Investments v. Theranos, et al.*, Delaware Chancery Court

## **Publications**

12/3/2018

**What's Privilege Got to Do With It? Practical Tips for Managing Bank Regulators Access to Attorney-Client Privileged Information**

4/9/2018

**SEC San Francisco Regional Enforcement Director Confirms SEC Private Company Enforcement Trend Will Continue**

10/31/2017

**With Zenefits Settlement Award SEC Demonstrates Continued Commitment to "Unicorn" Scrutiny Despite Administration Change: Same Old Sheriff in Town**

9/29/2017

**4th Amendment And Shared Servers: Lessons From Shkreli**

8/10/2017

**Texts and Message Apps Are Changing Internal Investigations**

7/19/2017

**The Fourth Amendment Implications of Sharing Server Space**

6/29/2017

**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: Ongoing Regulatory Monitoring Increasing in Federal and State Non-Compliance Resolution**

5/11/2017

**"Day of Rest" Requirement Measured By Workweek, Not Every Seven-Day Period**

5/3/2017

**Is There Fire Where There's Smoke? The FTC Says Yes**

2/14/2017

**Revenge of the Whistle-blower: Possible Consequences of Compliance Failures**

7/22/2016

**Private Company Enforcement: Bay Area Tech Company Designs Tech Solution to Its Compliance Problems**

## **Outside the Office**

Claire plays coed intramural soccer and enjoys hiking, travel, and political podcasts.