



## **Press Release**

### **Women's White Collar Defense Association Celebrates Growth Milestone with 5000th Member**

The Women's White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA) is proud to announce that it has officially welcomed its 5,000th member, marking a significant milestone in its 26-year history. WWCDA's newest member, Carolyn Schenck, joins the Washington, D.C. Chapter—the first of its now 51 chapters.

Since its inception in 1999, WWCDA has grown into an international organization promoting inclusion for all legal and consulting professionals who practice within the areas of white collar government investigations and enforcement actions, internal investigations, compliances and ethics counseling and related matters.

Today, the association hosts more than 150 programs and events annually, providing professional development, community-building opportunities, and mentorship for attorneys and practitioners at every stage of their careers. The organization's continued growth reflects the increasing global reach of the white collar and compliance practice, and the value in the professional activities and opportunities provided by organizations like WWCDA.

“Reaching 5,000 members is not just a number—it is a reflection of the extraordinary community that makes WWCDA what it is,” said [Karen Popp](#), WWCDA Co-Founder and President. “From our earliest days, WWCDA has been grounded in connection, mentorship, and collective strength. We are profoundly grateful to every member who has contributed to our growth and ensured WWCDA continues to play a valuable role in thousands of professionals' careers.”

WWCDA's membership includes many of the most accomplished figures in the white collar bar, including former senior government officials such as Mary Jo White, Loretta Lynch, Alice Fisher, Jaime Gorelick, Sally Yates, Erica MacDonald and Lisa Osofsky. Across chapters in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia Pacific, members continue to advance the organization's mission of promoting equality, amplifying voices, and strengthening the profession through collaboration and shared expertise.

“Throughout my career, I have seen how essential it is for professionals in this field to have access to strong networks and supportive communities,” said Carolyn Schenck, WWCDA's 5,000th member. “WWCDA stands out as a place where members can learn from one another, grow together, and build careers grounded in integrity, excellence, and shared purpose. I'm honored to be part of it.” Ms. Schenck is a Member (partner) in Caplin & Drysdale's Criminal Tax Cases & White Collar Defense practice, joining in

2025 from the Office of Chief Counsel at the IRS. Carolyn was previously the IRS National Fraud Counsel and Senior Level Counsel (Offshore).

As WWCDA celebrates this milestone, the organization remains focused on building the next chapter of its global presence—expanding programming, fostering cross-border collaboration, and championing the advancement of women across all facets of white collar practice.

### **About the WWCDA**

Founded in 1999, the Women’s White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA) is a global organization of more than 5,000 members across 51 chapters in 19 countries, spanning North America, Europe, Latin America, and Asia Pacific. WWCDA promotes the common business and professional interests of attorneys and other professionals whose clients include companies, other organizations and individuals in connection with the wide range of white collar government investigations and enforcement actions (criminal, civil, regulatory, and administrative), internal investigations, compliance and ethics counseling, and related matters. WWCDA promotes inclusion for all legal and consulting professionals in this field, including organizing professional activities to facilitate networking and business development opportunities, and providing educational programming relevant to the field.

Learn more at [www.wwcda.org](http://www.wwcda.org)

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