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Overview

Carrie Syme is a partner in DiCello Levitt's Antitrust and Competition Litigation Practice Group, bringing a formidable background in complex litigation, government enforcement, and trial advocacy. With over a decade of experience prosecuting high-stakes antitrust violations for the U.S. Department of Justice, Carrie is a tenacious advocate for those harmed by corporate misconduct and collusion.

Before joining DiCello Levitt, Carrie served for 13 years as a trial attorney in the DOJ's Antitrust Division, including more than two years as Assistant Chief of its New York office, where she led investigations and prosecutions involving price-fixing, bid-rigging, and market allocation conspiracies. She played a pivotal role in some of the division's largest and most complex cases, including on the winning trial team in *United States v. Apple Inc.* concerning the e-books market and a landmark series of criminal prosecutions of major banks and traders engaged in foreign currency exchange market manipulation.

Carrie also played a critical role in the DOJ's criminal enforcement efforts against anticompetitive employment practices, leading the investigation and prosecution against executives of major aerospace industry companies in one of the first criminal no-poach cases. Her extensive trial experience has sharpened her ability to navigate the most intricate antitrust disputes, making her a formidable litigator in the courtroom.

Prior to her government service, Carrie spent more than a decade at a prominent full-service law firm, where she handled commercial and intellectual property litigation for a diverse range of clients.

Practice Areas

ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION LITIGATION

CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* Yale University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

Representative Matters

With the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division:

S. v. Patel (D. Conn.). Led the investigation into an extensive and long-standing no-poach scheme among engineering companies in the aerospace industry, including one of the nation's largest defense contractors. First-chaired the six-week trial seeking to hold accountable six individual corporate executives and managers who led and engaged in the crime.

S. Barclays et al (D. Conn.) / *U.S. v. Usher et al* (S.D.N.Y.). Led the investigation into widespread price-fixing and bid-rigging via traders' collusive manipulation of foreign currency exchange (FX) transactions. Secured the Antitrust Division's first-ever guilty pleas and indictment in the FX market, the former resulting in a record-setting total of \$2.7 billion in criminal fines. First-chaired the first trial in the series, seeking to hold accountable three Euro-U.S. Dollar traders from major international banks who participated in the crime via a private chat room.

S. v. Apple (S.D.N.Y.). Member of the winning trial team that revealed a brazen price-fixing scheme between certain Apple executives and executives of five major U.S. publishers. As found by Judge Denise Cote and confirmed by the Second Circuit, the defendants worked together in secret to wrest back control of e-book pricing through coordinated "agency" contracts and then almost immediately increased e-book prices in concert, to the detriment of the reading public.

U.S. v. Espar (E.D.N.Y.) and *U.S. v. Haeusler, et al.* (E.D. Mich.). Led the investigation into and prosecution of a price-fixing conspiracy in the North American parking heater industry. Negotiated a guilty plea from corporate participant Espar and indicted three executives, one of whom was apprehended after five years of fugitive status, pled guilty, and was sentenced to time served (15 months' imprisonment).

Awards & Honors

"40 in Their 40s" Notable Women Competition Professionals, **Women@** (2019)

Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, FX Prosecution Team, ***U.S. Department of Justice*** (2016)

Antitrust Division Award of Distinction, FX Prosecution Team, ***U.S. Department of Justice*** (2015)

Antitrust Division Award of Distinction, E-books Litigation Team, ***U.S. Department of Justice*** (2014)

Publications & Presentations

Media Commentary

Featured, "People: Carrie Syme," [FTCWatch](#), April 29, 2025.

Quoted, "DOJ Antitrust Attorney Carrie Syme Joins DiCello Levitt," [New York Law Journal](#), April 8, 2025.

Quoted, "DiCello Levitt Brings On DOJ Antitrust Attorney In NY," [Law360](#), April 8, 2025.

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

Southern District of New York

Eastern District of New York