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Ms. Jones joined the Commission from the Atlanta office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, where she was a litigation partner specializing in government investigations, internal investigations, and white-collar criminal defense. Prior to joining Nelson Mullins, Ms. Jones spent nearly a decade in government service. Ms. Jones worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, where she investigated and prosecuted complex fraud cases, including securities and investment fraud, mortgage fraud, tax fraud, healthcare fraud, and public corruption. She also served in the Department of Justice's Office of the Deputy Attorney General in Washington, D.C., first as Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, and then as Associate Deputy Attorney General and Executive Director of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force.

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