

Sharon Appelbaum Named 2026 San Diego Business Journal Woman of Influence in Law

Appelbaum Law Founder and white collar criminal defense attorney recognized for strategic judgment, courtroom skill and leadership

SAN DIEGO, CA, UNITED STATES, August 27, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Southern California white collar criminal defense firm [Appelbaum Law, P.C.](#) announced founding attorney, [Sharon Appelbaum](#) has been recognized by the San Diego Business Journal as one of its 2026 Women of Influence in Law.

The annual recognition highlights accomplished women attorneys whose work, leadership and contributions have made an impact within the legal profession and San Diego business community.

In its profile, the San Diego Business Journal highlights Appelbaum's representation of individuals and companies in white collar criminal defense, government investigations and complex criminal matters. The publication described her as "a respected advocate and former prosecutor" known for "strategic judgment, courtroom skill, and leadership within California's white collar defense community."

Appelbaum founded Appelbaum Law in 2014 and represents individuals, companies and institutions in federal and California white collar prosecutions and government investigations. A former New York City prosecutor and member of the California and New York bars, Appelbaum has handled [complex federal white collar trials and investigations](#) involving financial fraud, healthcare fraud, public benefits programs, government contracting and other high-stakes criminal matters.

Her practice includes pre-indictment representation, internal corporate investigations, federal



and state criminal defense, asset seizure and forfeiture matters, third-party representation in government investigations and the coordination of parallel proceedings arising from the same conduct.

Appelbaum is currently representing clients in significant federal and state matters involving alleged financial fraud, pandemic-related benefits fraud and asset recovery, including a multi-jurisdictional matter seeking recovery of more than \$9 million allegedly diverted from affiliated international companies. She has also represented corporate clients drawn into criminal proceedings as third-party claimants and successfully obtained the complete quashing of a subpoena seeking a survivor's privileged records on behalf of a federally funded victim services organization. Across these matters, Appelbaum's work has required the coordination of criminal defense strategy, financial analysis, digital forensics, forfeiture issues and parallel proceedings.

The recognition adds to a series of recent honors for Appelbaum's white collar defense work. She was named to the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America for 2026, recognized by the Daily Journal among its 2025 Top White Collar Lawyers and included in Doyle's Guide's 2026 list of Leading White Collar Crime & Investigations Lawyers in San Diego.

About Appelbaum Law, P.C.

Appelbaum Law, P.C. is a California criminal defense firm focused on white collar criminal defense, complex investigations and high-stakes criminal matters. The firm represents individuals, professionals, executives and entities facing government investigations, regulatory scrutiny and criminal prosecution. Appelbaum Law has offices in Los Angeles and San Diego. For more information, please visit AppelbaumLaw.com

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