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GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk, Hon. Kiyoo Matsumoto, U.S. District Court, EDNY (2018-2019)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School (J.D., 2014)

- Student attorney, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 2009)

ADMISSIONS

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, SDNY

U.S. District Court, EDNY

Uzezi focuses on white collar defense, government investigations, and complex civil litigation. In addition to representing individuals and corporations in civil and criminal matters, she has advised companies and major financial institutions in connection with internal investigations and corporate compliance.

Uzezi utilizes a strategic and results-focused approach to secure favorable outcomes for her clients. She advises and prepares clients for proffers with federal prosecutors and depositions in civil matters. Uzezi also has significant experience managing discovery teams in complex civil litigations and government litigation, including a trial against the Department of Justice Antitrust Division.

Uzezi maintains an active *pro bono* practice, representing clients in criminal, civil, and immigration matters. Notably, she co-authored an amicus brief on behalf of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Brooklyn Defender Services, and others in *People v. Boone*—contributing to the precedential decision by the New York Court of Appeals granting Otis Boone a new trial and mandating a critical jury instruction on eyewitness identification in certain criminal cases.

While at Harvard Law School, Uzezi served as a member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau for two years, representing indigent clients in civil matters in the Massachusetts courts.

Prior to joining LSW, Uzezi served as a judicial law clerk at the federal trial level for the Honorable Kiyoo Matsumoto in Brooklyn, New York.

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Representative Matters

- Represented former executives in multi-state pharmaceutical litigation and related federal investigations.
- Represented executive in grand jury investigation in the Northern District of California.
- Represented unaccompanied minor in immigration court proceedings and asylum application.