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Mary Carter Andruess is a partner in Howrey's Securities Litigation, Government Enforcement and White Collar Defense practice groups. Her practice focuses on white collar criminal defense, internal corporate investigations, international and domestic regulatory compliance and enforcement and complex commercial litigation. Ms. Andruess is an experienced trial attorney with expertise in the areas of government contract and procurement fraud, improper gifts, gratuities and kickbacks, violations of federal export control laws, including the Arms Export Control Act, International Traffic in Arms Regulations, International Emergency Economic Powers Act, Export Administration Act and its implementing regulations. Ms. Andruess handles matters involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, including investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice, the implementation of compliance programs, internal investigations and monitorships. Ms. Andruess also has significant experience in parallel criminal and civil proceedings involving the False Claims Act.

Prior to joining Howrey, Ms. Andruess was an Assistant US Attorney in the US Attorney's Office in the Central District of California, where she served as the Chief of the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Section; and Deputy Chief of the Public Corruption and Government Fraud Section. She also served as Health Care Fraud Coordinator and as a member of the US Department of Justice, Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Health Care Fraud Subcommittee. Ms. Andruess received the Attorney General's Director's Award for her role as the lead federal prosecutor in the LAPD Rampart Investigation. She regularly served as an instructor to federal law enforcement agencies and at the US Department of Justice, National Advocacy Training Center.

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ADMISSIONS

California

EDUCATION

University of Southern California
Gould School of Law (JD, 1988),
Order of the Coif

Southern California Law Review,
Executive Notes Editor

University of California - Los Angeles (PhD, 1984).
Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1984-1985, National Institutes of Health

University of California - Los Angeles (MS, 1979)

University of Kansas (BS, 1977)

CLERKSHIP

Hon. Edward Rafeedie, United States District Court for the Central District of California (1988-1989)

COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States District Court for the Central District of California

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, West Coast White Collar Crime Committee, Co-Chair (2004 to 2006)

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- Institute for Corporate Counsel, Executive Board (2009 to present)
- Federal Bar Association, Los Angeles Chapter, Executive Board; President Elect (2009 to present); Treasurer (2008 to 2009); Secretary (2007 to 2008)
- Member, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

PRO BONO

- University of Southern California Public Interest Law Foundation Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2009.
- Executive Committee, Afghan Public Private Partnership.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- St. Elizabeth Parish School, School Board, 2006 to present
- The Sycamores, Board of Directors, 1995 to 2000
- St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Finance Council, 2005 to 2009

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ARTICLES

"Internal Affairs." *Los Angeles/San Francisco Daily Journal* (July 17, 2009). Co-authored with John C. Letteri.

SPEECHES

"What to Do When Agents Show Up At Your Door." American Conference Institute, Export Enforcement & Investigations (January 2010). Panelist.

"Deemed Export Enforcement: The Anatomy of a 'Good' Intangible Case and Why More Cases are Expected." American Conference Institute, Export Enforcement and Investigations (January 2009). Panelist.

"Export Crimes." American Bar Association Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime (March 2008). Panelist.

"Politics and Prosecutors: Maintaining the Independence of Federal Prosecutors." Federal Bar Association & American Bar Association, West Coast Regional White Collar Crime Committee (February 2008). Panelist.

"Anatomy of a Good Export Case: How Prosecutors Assess a Violation." American Conference Institute, Export Enforcement & Investigations (January 2008). Panelist.

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"Strategies for Breaking Down the Barriers." Howrey Diversity Summit (October 2007). Panelist.

"When the Department of Justice Comes Calling." Institute for Corporate Counsel (October 2007). Panelist.

"Export Enforcement & Investigations, Knowledge and Intent: The Prosecutors' Perspective On What the Government Needs to Prove at Trial." American Conference Institute (December 2006). Panelist.

"Federal Sentencing Guidelines." Federal Bar Association (September 2003). Panelist.

"Crossfire Redux - A Dialogue Between the United States Attorneys Office and the Criminal Defense Bar." American Bar Association, West Coast Regional White Collar Crime Committee (July 2000). Panelist.