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Sofia focuses her practice on antitrust, sports, white collar criminal defense, and corporate internal investigations. She regularly represents professional sports unions and players in negotiations, arbitrations, and litigations involving contract, sponsorship, intellectual property, and antitrust issues. She also has particular experience advising clients on cross-border issues, and dealing with disputes and investigations in Latin America.

In connection with antitrust matters, Sofia has acted as plaintiff and defense counsel in cases involving monopolization, price-fixing, price discrimination, group boycotts, and other restraints of trade. She has also defended clients in criminal investigations brought by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and international competition authorities.

With respect to white collar and investigations, Sofia specializes in white collar and regulatory defense, with a particular focus on FCPA and global investigations. She has extensive experience representing companies and individuals in white collar investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the DOJ. She has also conducted internal investigations responding to government or other allegations of FCPA, money laundering, securities, and other law violations, and regularly provides compliance counseling and performs due diligence regarding potential transactions, focusing on FCPA, anti-corruption, antitrust, and other potential regulatory violations.

Key Matters

- *Hubbard v. NCAA* & *Carter v. NCAA*: Representing classes of collegiate players in antitrust litigations against the NCAA concerning its restraints on athlete compensation

- Represented Activision Blizzard in DOJ civil antitrust case, resulting in a favorable, no-civil-penalty settlement

- Represented William Morris Endeavor Entertainment in antitrust litigation against the Writers Guild of America
- Represented Zillow Group, Inc. and Zillow, Inc. in a litigation involving antitrust, consumer protection, and common law claims
- *In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation* — Represents Panasonic Corporation and Panasonic Corporation of North America in the multidistrict, putative class action involving the Cathode Ray Tube industry, currently consolidated in the Northern District of California.
- *In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation* — Represents Panasonic Corporation and Panasonic Corporation of North America in the multidistrict putative class action involving the Capacitors industry, currently consolidated in the Northern District of California.
- Represented Nucor Corporation in an antitrust litigation concerning alleged conspiracy, price discrimination, and trade secret misappropriation.
- Represented Panasonic Avionics Corporation in an antitrust litigation concerning alleged monopolization, group boycott, and trade libel.
- Represented clients in connection with drafting and instituting compliance programs and providing training to employees.

Recent Experience

Secured New CBA Deal for NBA Players Following Round-the-Clock Negotiating Sessions with NBA

Secured High-Profile Acquittal at Trial for Matthew Grimes on Charges He Acted as an Unregistered Foreign Agent

Recognitions

Sofia was recognized on *Benchmark Litigation US*'s "40 & Under List" for White Collar Crime (2023–2024). She was listed in *Best Lawyers*: *Ones to Watch in America* in 2021 and 2022 in the areas of Antitrust Law and Litigation–Antitrust. She was recognized in the 2023 edition for Criminal Defense: White Collar. She was recognized by *Legal 500 Latin America* 2022 for her work in International Arbitration and *The Legal 500 US* as a "Key Lawyer" in the area of Industry Focus: Sport. She was recognized in the 2021 "Women in the Law" edition of *Best Lawyers*. She has also been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a "New York Metro Rising Star" for Antitrust Litigation (2017–2022). Winston & Strawn's Sports Law group has been recognized by *Best Law Firms*® as "Law Firm of the Year" in the Sports Law Practice from 2018–2022 and in 2024.

Activities

- Current Events/Conference Officer, International Bar Association's North American Regional Forum (NARF)
- Current Member, Antitrust Cartel and Criminal Enforcement Subcommittee for the NYSBA
- Current Member, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Current Member, Committee on Character and Fitness for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department

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Credentials

EDUCATION

Sofia received a B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science, Mathematics, and International Relations from the University of Florida in 2008, where she received the Anderson Scholar of Highest Distinction. She earned a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 2011.

ADMISSIONS

- New York

Related Insights & News

- "General Antitrust Update," TexasBarCLE's 23rd Annual Course – Advanced In-House Counsel, Speaker, August 30, 2024
- Panoramic: Competition Compliance 2024, Lexology, Co-author, May 1, 2024
- "Early Assessment of the Digital Markets Act," Winston & Strawn Competition Corner, Co-author, March 25, 2024
- "Antitrust Enforcement in Action: Insights from the Regulators," Winston & Strawn Competition Corner, Co-author, Dec. 15, 2023
- Global Legal Insights – Cartels, USA Chapter, *The GLI Cartels 2023*, 11th ed., Co-author, May 12, 2023
- "Department of Commerce Calls for Change to Mobile App Stores," Winston & Strawn Competition Corner, Co-author, Feb. 10, 2023
- "Federal Court Closes the Book on Publishers' Attempted Merger," Winston & Strawn Competition Corner, Co-author, Jan. 20, 2023
- "New Kids on the Blockchain: Antitrust Trends in Web3.0 and FashionTech," *Women in Antitrust* series, Winston & Strawn Competition Corner: Podcast, Co-host, Oct. 6, 2022
- "Another Step Towards Increased Antitrust Enforcement in Labor Markets," Winston & Strawn Competition Corner, Co-author, July 27, 2022
- Global Legal Insights – Cartels, USA Chapter, *The GLI Cartels 2022*, 10th ed., Co-author, May 19, 2022
- "Boosting Immunity: DOJ Injects Additional Burden and Uncertainty to Antitrust Leniency Process," Winston & Strawn Competition Corner, Co-author, April 6, 2022
- "Antitrust 101: A Quick Spin Through Hub-and-Spoke Conspiracies," Winston & Strawn Competition Corner, Co-author, Feb. 9, 2022

- Global Legal Insights Cartels Laws and Regulations, Cartels 2021 USA, Co-author, April 23, 2021
- "Pleading and Defending Coordinated Conduct Claims," ABA Joint Conduct Committee, Speaker, Feb. 26, 2021
- "New Frontiers in ANA Section of Litigation, Speaker, May 1, 2019

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Team Led by Jeffrey Kessler Featured as Litigator of the Week

OCTOBER 11, 2024

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in 2025 *Benchmark Litigation*

OCTOBER 3, 2024

SEMINAR/CLE

Natalie Arbaugh and Sofia Arguello Speak at 23rd Annual Advanced In-House Counsel Course

AUGUST 28, 2024

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation*'s 2024 40 & Under List

AUGUST 8, 2024

PRESS RELEASE

Hagens Berman and Winston & Strawn Seek Court Approval of Historic Settlement to Revolutionize College Sports

JULY 26, 2024

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2024

JUNE 12, 2024

IN THE MEDIA

Winston & Strawn Secures Multibillion-Dollar Settlement for College Athletes

MAY 28, 2024

PRESS RELEASE

Hagens Berman and Winston & Strawn Secure Historic Multibillion-Dollar Settlement for College Athletes and Bring Revolutionary Change to College Sports

MAY 23, 2024

NEWS

2023 Pro Bono Impact Report

MAY 1, 2024

ARTICLE

Winston & Strawn Lawyers Contribute to Lexology's *Panoramic: Competition Compliance 2024*

MAY 1, 2024

BLOG

Early Assessment of the Digital Markets Act

MARCH 25, 2024

BLOG

Antitrust Enforcement in Action: Insights from the Regulators

DECEMBER 15, 2023

Capabilities

Litigation/Trials | Antitrust/Competition | Securities, M&A & Corporate Governance Litigation | Sports | Financial Crimes Compliance

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