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Sonali D. Patel is a partner in Willkie's Litigation Department. She is based in the Firm's Washington, DC office. Her practice focuses on representing multinational corporations and individuals in high-stakes cross-border investigations and enforcement matters involving foreign corruption, fraud, money laundering, tax evasion, and national security issues.

Sonali regularly advises *Fortune*500 companies and global organizations on internal and government-facing investigations, as well as on corporate compliance programs. She is a trusted advisor on Chief of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) compliance and risk mitigation in the context of mergers and acquisitions, international operations, and emerging technologies. With a distinguished background in both government service and private practice, Sonali offers clients a strategic perspective on complex white-collar matters. Sonali served at the Department of Justice for 10 years, most recently holding the title of Assistant Chief of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Unit, and prior to that as a trial attorney in the division. While there, she led more than 50 FCPA-related investigations, working on some of the unit's most significant individual prosecutions. She also served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, focusing on fraud, public corruption, cybercrime and violent crime investigations.

A recognized thought-leader in the white-collar defense and investigations space, Sonali frequently lectures and publishes on a wide range of topics, including AI in corporate compliance, enforcement trends, and the intersection of anti-corruption laws and cross-border transactions. She has provided in-house FCPA training for major corporations and continues to be a sought-after speaker at industry conferences and legal forums. Sonali is also an accomplished courtroom advocate, having tried numerous cases to verdict.

Chambers USA (2025) recognizes Sonali as a leading practitioner in the area of FCPA (Nationwide). Sonali is also recognized by the 2026 *Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America* guide for her work in Investigations, Enforcement, and Cross-Border.

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University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 2009

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