

Justice Without Judgment, Battling Without Bias

At The Fast Law Firm, P.C., everyone is entitled to top-tier criminal defense.



“We meet our clients on the worst days of their lives,” says attorney Elena Fast, founder of The Fast Law Firm, P.C. “Anyone can be accused of committing a crime, and it doesn’t mean they are a bad person. It’s not a reflection of who someone is on a human level. They still need an attorney who will fight for them nonstop, and there is absolutely no moral judgment from us.”

A former felony assistant district attorney at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office, Fast has a deep understanding of the inner workings of criminal investigations and prosecutions. Her firm has represented clients accused of everything from sex crimes to narcotics trafficking and murder charges in federal and state courts. In more recent years, Fast has focused on white-collar criminal defense at both the state and federal level, often representing professionals facing charges of embezzlement, money laundering, and fraud.

While some firms may have moral reservations about accepting these cases, Fast doesn’t see it that way. Her firsthand experience working with state and federal criminal investigations and prosecutions has taught her that the government is not infallible. She believes that every client, no matter the crime, should have the best possible representation.

Fast stresses the importance of a consultation with a criminal defense attorney even before law enforcement makes contact. This is particularly true in cases of white-collar criminal defense, where clients often sense that trouble is brewing long before law enforcement becomes involved.

“There is no such thing as ‘too early’ when it comes to consulting a criminal defense attorney,” Fast says. “Typically, U.S. Attorney’s Offices, the Feds, and local prosecutors investigate cases for a very long time before they contact the target of their investigation. We work with clients to figure out how to disentangle from a potentially bad situation and start a parallel investigation to better understand how law enforcement is building their case.”

While plea bargaining and non-prosecution agreements play a large role in her work, Fast regularly tries criminal cases. She usually does several jury trials a year, oftentimes after being brought on by other firms as lead counsel for trial. “On average, about 2% of all cases end up going to trial; my trial stat is at least triple of the average,” Fast says.

“You can get a bad reputation doing this kind of work well,” she continues. “But when it’s your child or your spouse being arrested, you want someone like me to represent them. It’s not about the Super Lawyers® plaques or Top 40 Under 40 awards for me—it’s about beating cases and giving clients their lives back.”

