



Dolores (Lola) Garcia

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Lola is a dedicated first-chair trial lawyer who handles complex commercial litigation matters. She counsels business clients both before and after litigation arises on wide-ranging issues involving business disputes, commercial contract interpretation, and compliance issues. She has represented large and small organizations, including financial institutions, real estate developers, health care facilities and providers, and manufacturers in state and federal courts. Lola has particular experience in defending companies subject to government investigation and follow-on civil and criminal litigation. A former Assistant United States Attorney, Lola has extensive experience with litigation involving various state and federal statutes regulating business conduct and competition, including investigations and pre-suit analyses related to each of these areas.

Education

- Grinnell College (B.A., 2006)
- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2009)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Norman S. Minor Bar Association (*Treasurer; Past Vice President*)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Diversity & Inclusion Committee*)
- National Bar Association

Firm Involvement

- Co-Group Leader, Business Litigation
- Member, Governing Board

Practices & Industries

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Complex Business Litigation
- White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations
- Consumer & Financial Litigation
- Regulatory & Antitrust Law
- Real Estate Litigation

Representative Experience

- Successfully defeated preliminary injunction motion and later prevailed on summary judgment in litigation representing commercial landlord in dispute with an anchor tenant.
- Represented commercial real estate developer in arbitration related to complex construction dispute and related federal litigation.
- Represented manufacturer in commercial arbitration related to disputes concerning asset purchase agreement indemnification provisions related to seller's representations and warranties.
- Counseled client with international sales and operations in export control and FCPA compliance, including advising on the impact of changing sanctions regimes, OFAC compliance, and compliance processes and procedures; Provided FCPA and export control compliance training to field personnel.
- Represented client facing criminal and civil claims related to customs investigation. Assisted the client when federal agents arrived with a search warrant and civil pre-penalty notice, creating an action plan for all phases of the investigation, including anticipated litigation and collaborated with co-counsel on the civil penalty component. Resolved the matter without criminal charges for the company or its employees.
- Represented a client in an internal investigation related to potential document and records tampering allegations by discretely and thoroughly managing all aspects of the investigation, including employee interviews, record reviews, and the final report. Successfully closed the investigation, providing policy changes and recommendations to ensure future compliance and monitoring.
- Advised client on antitrust and compliance considerations related to trade group involvement and counseled on antitrust and trade law considerations related to joint venture by providing risk mitigation strategies while meeting client's business objectives.
- Represents municipal owned utility in significant litigation challenging the municipality's ability to provide service to extraterritorial customers under the Ohio Constitution.
- Represented a payment processor in civil enforcement action by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in federal district court. Though civil penalties were imposed on other defendants, the court struck all causes of action that the CFPB brought against the payment processor defendant.
- Represented multiple homeowners in claims regarding their right to beach access in a wealthy suburb of Cleveland. Took the case to trial and prevailed on the land-ownership claims.
- Represented national chain in Ohio-wide litigation regarding effect of newly-passed statute that undercut client's ability to do business in the state.
- Represented national retail chain in complex landlord-tenant dispute through trial and appellate proceedings.
- Represented commercial policyholders against their insurers in negotiations and active litigation in state and federal courts and in domestic and international arbitration. Matters that have involved a range of complex coverage issues including the interpretation of general liability policies, excess policies, commercial crime policy coverage, and bad faith claims.

Awards & Recognition

- Inducted into The Community Commitment Honor Society, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (2024)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation (2024-2026)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2023-2026)
- Named to Corporate Counsel Business Journal's 50 Women to Watch List (2023)
- Case Western Reserve University Latinx Law Students Association Trailblazer Award Recipient (2023)
- Named a "Latino Leader Worth Watching" by Profiles in Diversity Journal (2022)
- Named to the Crain's Cleveland Business list of "Notables in Law" (2022)
- Named one of the Most Influential Black Lawyers in America by Savoy Magazine (2022)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2019)
- Named to AmMore Consulting's list of "100+ Latinos Cleveland Must Know" (2020)
- YWCA Women of Professional Excellence (2020)

News & Media

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

December 17, 2024

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 57 UB Greensfelder Attorneys in 2025

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

July 24, 2024

Dolores Garcia Selected to Leadership Cleveland Class of 2025

December 29, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 50 Ulmer Attorneys in 2024 Lists

August 17, 2023

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Report

January 6, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 69 Ulmer Attorneys in 2023 Lists

April 6, 2022

Dolores Garcia Named to List of Latino Leaders Worth Watching

March 15, 2022

Dolores (Lola) Garcia Elected to Providence House Board of Directors

March 1, 2022

Dolores Garcia Named to Crain's Cleveland List of Notables in Law

February 15, 2022

Dolores Garcia Named One of Savoy Magazine's Most Influential Black Lawyers

September 29, 2021

Ulmer Promotes Dynamic Partner to Business Litigation Leadership Position

June 9, 2021

Ulmer Partner Dolores Garcia Prignitz Elected to SPACES Board of Directors

Board Service

- Providence House (*Executive Officer, Board of Directors, 2022-present*)
- SPACES (*President, 2024; Board of Directors, 2021-present*)
- Tri-C Foundation (*Board of Directors, 2024-present*)
- Say Yes Cleveland Scholarship Program (*Board Member, 2023-present*)
- MetroHealth Foundation (*Board Member, 2024-present*)
- Minds Matter of Cleveland (*Board Trustee, Senior Vice President, Student Programming, 2012-2014*)