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Experienced Appellate and Post-Conviction Attorneys

After a conviction in a criminal case, the focus must turn toward appeals and/or post-conviction proceedings in order to secure appellate reversals, minimize sentences, deal with conditions of confinement, and, potentially, to obtain a new trial. The issues involved are so complex and specialized that the convicted individual typically turns to new attorneys with specific experience in appeals and post-conviction relief.

Sullivan & Brill, LLP has extensive experience with criminal appellate work, and post-conviction remedies. Sullivan & Brill, LLP attorney Rachel Brill, of counsel to the firm, is especially well-known for her work in federal appeals and post-conviction relief, including cases arising from the Booker / Fanfan decision. She regularly argues before appellate panels in several circuit courts throughout the country and has been successful in matters ranging from the improper application of a federal statute to an environmental disaster (United States v. Pedro Rivera), to the government's failure to prove foreknowledge in connection with a federal carjacking charge (United States v. Rosario-Diaz and Montalvo-Ortiz).

Appeals

Appellate lawyers must be able to exhaust all possibilities to review a conviction. Sullivan & Brill, LLP's appellate lawyers use a variety of measures in their appellate practice, including the following:

- CPL 440 Motions
- Habeas Corpus Writs
- State Appeals
- Federal Appeals

Rachel Brill, working out of San Juan, Puerto Rico, is one of the nation's most prominent federal appellate lawyers. In one case, *United States v. Rivera-Santiago & Alamo-Silva*, Attorney Rachel Brill got a conviction of drug distribution and importation reversed because of a judge's improper response to jury questioning during deliberation.

Post-Conviction Relief, Booker, and Fanfan

Lately, a large part of Rachel Brill's federal appellate practice has been devoted to post-conviction relief following the Booker / Fanfan Supreme Court decisions. Ms. Brill's work as a post-conviction attorney takes her across the United States where she helps individuals who have been convicted of federal crimes potentially secure lesser sentences.

The United States Supreme Court decisions in Booker / Fanfan rendered the federal sentencing guidelines advisory, and now places a new burden on criminal defense attorneys to convince judges to sentence reasonably. Ms. Brill assists those who have not yet been convicted or sentenced, and uses her knowledge of sentencing guidelines as well as the other mitigating circumstances recognized by the law, to obtain the lowest possible sentence.

Contact the Firm

Contact the lawyers of Sullivan & Brill, LLP any time, 24 hours a day, to schedule a free initial consultation. Call (212) 566-1000 during business hours and (917) 279-7079 at night. Sullivan & Brill, LLP's appellate and post-conviction attorneys can help speakers of any language, including Spanish, Polish, Cantonese, or Mandarin.

For federal or other large-scale cases, Sullivan & Brill, LLP can assist clients throughout the United States, including New York City (Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island), Nassau County, Suffolk County, and Westchester County, as well as San Juan, Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.