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COUNSEL

Cissy supports clients in the National Security group and Government Enforcement & White Collar, Government Relations, and Investigations practices.



Industries

National Security

Practices

Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG)

Complex Litigation

Government Enforcement & White Collar

Government Relations

Investigations

Education

Vanderbilt University School of Law JD, Order of the Coif, Patrick Wilson Scholar, 1990

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Cissy draws on her experience serving as National Security Adviser to Senator Doug Jones (D-AL), in which role she helped draft and enact the FY20 and FY21 National Defense Authorization Acts and Defense Appropriations bills, to support Arent Fox’s National Security clients. Having also previously served as Counsel to Senator Jones, Cissy has a strong policy background, particularly in the areas of immigration, civil rights, criminal legal system reform, and judicial nominees. Cissy also has extensive experience handling white collar, False Claims Act, and grand jury investigation matters.

**Not admitted in the District of Columbia. Admitted in Alabama only. Practicing under supervision of District of Columbia Bar members.*

Previous Work

Before joining Arent Fox, Cissy served as both Counsel and National Security Adviser to Senator Doug Jones (D-AL). As Counsel, she advised the Senator on policy, votes, and legislation involving immigration and border security, civil rights, firearms, criminal legal system reform, judicial nominees, impeachment, and the Mueller investigation. In her role as the Senator’s National Security Adviser, Cissy worked with bipartisan Congressional colleagues, senior Pentagon leadership, and defense industry stakeholders to draft and enact the FY20 and FY21 National Defense Authorization Acts and Defense Appropriations bills. In this role she also served as the Senator’s adviser on matters of national security and foreign policy.

Before joining the Senator’s staff, Cissy was in the private practice of law, handling white collar, False Claims Act, grand jury investigations, and commercial property tax appeal matters. She has represented multinational corporations, small businesses, and individuals in high stakes civil and criminal litigation.

After graduating from law school, Cissy served as law clerk to the Honorable Sam C. Pointer, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Professional Activities

Cissy is also a Senior Fellow at The Center for American Progress, where she focuses her work on issues of racial justice and equality, voting rights, and law enforcement reform.

Bar Admissions

Alabama

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States