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### **What was the genesis of the path that has made you a trailblazer?**

Sometime around 1990, I was referred a case in which a prominent scientist was accused of misconduct at a federal agency. After helping him navigate through a complicated, unusual process that brought him out of peril and restored his scientific career, I realized I not only helped him get back on track, but contributed in a small way to the advancement of science. Coming from a family of scientists, I appreciate the importance of the scientist's reputation within their field and am gratified that I have been able to help scientists continue their research.

### **What sort of change has resulted from the concept?**

There were very few lawyers in the field of research misconduct in 1990. There are more now, but by focusing on this practice area, we have developed an approach that provides excellent representation of scientists while maintaining a respectful relationship with the institution managing the investigation and the federal agencies providing oversight. Lawyers and institutions are able to work collaboratively towards an appropriate disposition that both protects science itself and scientists' careers and reputations.

### **What bearing will this have on the future?**

There are a number of issues of concern my team and I have identified through the years that we bring to the attention of institutions and the federal government overseeing the research misconduct investigations. It is my hope that we can continue to make improvements to the process and interpretive law governing the process that provides better protection to science as a whole, as well as the stakeholders involved, while enabling scientists to continue research that makes all of our lives' better.