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MVP: Williams & Connolly's Enu A. Mainigi

Law360 (November 6, 2026, 4:00 PM EST) -- Enu Mainigi of Williams & Connolly LLP represented SuperValu and Albertsons before an Illinois federal jury that cleared them of liability on claims they overcharged the government for prescription drugs, earning her a spot as one of the **2026 Law360 Healthcare MVPs**.





Enu A. Mainigi

Williams & Connolly

Her proudest moment in the past year:

Mainigi was the lead attorney on all three False Claims Act cases Williams & Connolly took to trial last year, an achievement she said she was proud of because at each trial, her team pursued the "best possible case."

"Really, I think in all of them, we left nothing on the table," Mainigi said.

Starting off the trio was a 3.5-week trial in Illinois federal court concerning a SuperValu price-match program offered between 2006 and 2016 for prescription drugs. After two hours of deliberation, the jury reached its verdict that drug reimbursement claims submitted by SuperValu and co-defendant Albertsons were knowingly false but **did not cause damages**.

In the weeks following that verdict, Mainigi led a team defending CVS Caremark in a bench trial in Pennsylvania accusing it of overbilling the government for Medicare Part D-sponsored drugs.

Then, in April 2025, she defended CVS Health and its subsidiary Omnicare at trial in New York on claims they dispensed drugs without

valid prescriptions to elderly and disabled individuals in long-term care facilities.

The overbilling case resulted in a **$95 million judgment** against CVS Caremark, later trebled to nearly **$290 million** under the FCA, while the latter case resulted in a jury verdict holding Omnicare liable for roughly **$135.6 million** in monetary damages.

Trial outcomes in the three cases are under review at the Seventh, Third and Second circuits, respectively, with the Second Circuit appeal stayed pending settlement discussions, court records indicate.

Why she's a healthcare attorney:

Mainigi's career-long focus on healthcare came about somewhat by chance, she told Law360.

Her arrival at Williams & Connolly in 1997 coincided with mounting interest from the U.S. Department of Justice on healthcare fraud enforcement, and when she volunteered on those cases, she learned she liked it.

"I liked that there were, candidly, a lot of rules and regulations," Mainigi said. "And then you superimpose on top of that the law, whether it is the False Claims Act law or whether it is antitrust law. I liked that intersection of the policy being applied to the law, and so that has just kept my interest for, at this point, 29 years."

Another notable case she's worked on:

Mainigi helped CVS Health win summary judgment in a False Claims Act case this year concerning its shipping practices for temperature-sensitive drugs.

A whistleblower had argued the company billed the government for "worthless services" on account of inherent challenges in shipping such drugs. In June, U.S. District Judge Austin McHugh concluded the suit couldn't proceed because the whistleblower lacked direct proof that any drug's efficacy was impaired.

Mainigi said the ruling demonstrates there is still a path for summary judgment wins in FCA cases in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark SuperValu and Escobar decisions concerning FCA's scienter and materiality requirements.

"I don't think the Supreme Court at all intended to suggest, with its recent [decisions], that the principles that they were articulating could only be tested through a trial," Mainigi said. "They've laid out standards that we all need to try to achieve during discovery and then ultimately present to a court at summary judgment."

Her advice for junior attorneys:

While healthcare can be a dense area to learn, Mainigi said this can also present an opportunity for junior attorneys to "learn it best."

"Don't be intimidated by it, because you're probably going to learn it better than the more senior people on your case, and will therefore have a tremendous amount to offer to the client," she said.

That's particularly the case given the government's perennial interest in healthcare enforcement, Mainigi added.

"Sometimes, what's old is new again," she said. "Issues that we may have litigated in the 2005 to 2008 time period, just to pick a time period, are being relitigated by a different set of enforcement officials in recent years."

--As told to Gianna Ferrarin. Editing by Adam LoBelia.

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