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The biggest change in my investigations practice since starting out

When I began at Diaz Reus, investigations meant stacks of paper and endless phone calls across borders. Today, I've watched our practice transform through AI tools and e-discovery, making us faster at unravelling complex fraud cases. I remember my first case, manually sifting through documents late into the night – now, technology can reduce that time to hours.

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The most fulfilling part of my job

Nothing beats the moment we uncover a fraud scheme. I'll never forget a case where we were able to repatriate several millions of dollars to the US for the benefit of our client. I feel a deep connection to my clients' trust and my team's dedication. It's not just about the win; it's about restoring fairness. That spark of discovery fuels me daily and reminds me why I chose this path.

Challenges I've overcome

As a woman and Spaniard in the US legal world, I faced scepticism early on. Some doubted my place in the male-dominated field of investigations, questioning my accent or my approach. I recall a tough negotiation in Latin America where I had to prove my expertise twice over. Those moments stung, but they forged my resilience. I leaned on my bilingual skills and relentless work ethic, turning barriers into bridges. Today, as administrative managing partner, I champion diversity at Diaz Reus.

The most high-stakes case I've worked on

Leading a cross-border fraud case targeting several individuals who had obtained hundreds of millions of dollars was a defining moment. Millions were at stake, and we were able to repatriate them, working also with the US government. Coordinating our team, I felt the weight of every decision – late nights poring over data and leading crucial negotiations with the US authorities, foreign banks and foreign states. This case pushed Diaz Reus to grow our white-collar crime department, elevating our fraud practice.

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