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PIONEER SPIRIT For Lyn Agre, the coronavirus pandemic offered a precious gift: time. Agre, who specializes in white-collar criminal litigation and internal corporate investigations, found that when the world slowed down in response to the outbreak, clients began to focus on long-neglected legal matters – “items that had been pushed down on the to-do list.” With court proceedings rescheduled or delayed indefinitely, Agre used that time to fully immerse herself in preparing for the complex, document-heavy cases that have become a cornerstone of her practice.

TRAILS BLAZED Agre built her career on complex cases that require lots of time. For years she represented Jay Lapine, a former general counsel of the health care company then known as McKesson HBOC. Lapine was charged in a securities case involving \$9 billion in investor losses. His first trial ended in a hung jury. Years later, Agre won a full acquittal – and then represented Lapine in matters before the Securities and Exchange Commission. “It was a multi-faceted case that went on for many years. It was a great experience not just to get the acquittal, but also to handle a criminal case with so much complexity over such a long period of time.”

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS The coronavirus pandemic has shined the light on the importance of Agre’s pro bono work, much of it through the Marin County Public Defender’s Office. She sought stays of some of her clients’ surrender dates and applied for compassionate release for others. “These cases are still ongoing, even though some of the court proceedings have been stayed or rescheduled.” Those delays gave her the chance to prepare for a trial in a sophisticated trademark matter that she had taken over from another firm. “We’re really busy getting up to speed.”

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