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PROFILE

Christopher Wray is a litigation partner in the firm's Washington, D.C., and Atlanta offices. Mr. Wray chairs the King & Spalding Special Matters and Government Investigations Practice Group, which represents companies, audit and special committees, and individuals in a variety of white-collar criminal and regulatory enforcement matters, parallel civil litigation, and internal corporate investigations. The group has been twice recognized by *Law360* as "White-Collar Group of the Year" and described as "the premier firm in this practice area" by the *U.S. News & World Report/Best Lawyers'* "Best Law Firms" survey.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Wray served from 2003 to 2005 as the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Criminal Division, having been nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate's unanimous consent for that position. Mr. Wray helped lead the Department's efforts to address the wave of corporate fraud scandals and restore integrity to U.S. financial markets. He served on the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force and oversaw the Enron Task Force and other major fraud investigations, both around the country and internationally.

As the Criminal Division's head, Mr. Wray led investigations, prosecutions, and policy development in nearly all areas of federal criminal law, including securities fraud, healthcare fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and trade sanctions violations, bank secrecy and money laundering offenses, public corruption, intellectual property piracy and cybercrime, and RICO. Mr. Wray was also integral to the DOJ's response to the 9/11 attacks and played a key role in the oversight of legal and operational actions in the continuing war on terrorism. At the conclusion of his tenure in 2005, Mr. Wray received the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department's highest award for public service and leadership.

Mr. Wray first joined the DOJ's leadership as Associate Deputy Attorney General in May 2001 and was soon appointed the Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General in September of the same year, with oversight responsibilities spanning the full Department. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Wray served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. As a prosecutor in Atlanta, he handled a wide variety of federal jury trials, grand jury investigations and appeals as lead counsel.

Since returning to the firm in late 2005, Mr. Wray has led investigation matters involving U.S. Attorneys' Offices in over twenty different districts around the country and nearly every litigating division of the Justice Department, typically also involving parallel proceedings by regulatory agencies and parallel class action or *qui tam* whistleblower litigation. Some of Mr. Wray's recent representations since rejoining the firm include:

- | Two different Fortune 100 financial institutions in a number of parallel investigations by the Department of Justice and other agencies, such as the SEC, IRS and OCC, as well as parallel class action litigation.
- | Several of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies in investigations into off-label promotion issues by the Department of Justice and multiple U.S. Attorneys' Offices, the FDA, HHS-OIG, Congress, and various state Attorneys

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PRACTICES

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 State Attorneys General
 Energy Appellate
 Energy Disputes
 Energy Governmental Investigations and Compliance
 False Claims Act / Qui Tam Whistleblower
 Financial Institutions: Government Investigations
 Global Disputes
 Securities Enforcement and Regulation
 Crisis Management
 Crisis Management: Defense Industry
 Crisis Management: Financial Institutions
 Crisis Management: Healthcare
 Crisis Management: Privacy/Information Security
 Data, Privacy & Security
 Pharma Government Investigations
 Health Govt Investigations
 Healthcare Industry
 Healthcare Civil Litigation

EDUCATION

General, as well as parallel False Claims Act *qui tam* litigation.

- | A Fortune 100 healthcare company in multiple federal and state regulatory investigations around the country.
- | A special committee of the board of directors of a leading technology company in conducting an independent investigation of stock options issues.
- | A Fortune 100 pharmacy benefits company in parallel investigations by the Department of Justice and SEC into stock options issues.
- | A leading telecommunications company in parallel Department of Justice, SEC, IRS, and Department of Labor investigations into stock options practices.
- | A leading global financial institution in parallel investigations by the Department of Justice, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), New York Federal Reserve Bank, and various domestic and foreign regulatory agencies.
- | A leading global financial institution in parallel investigations by the Department of Justice, IRS, SEC, New York Federal Reserve Bank, New York Department of Financial Services (DFS), Congress and foreign regulatory agencies.
- | One of the largest global medical device manufacturers in parallel Department of Justice and SEC investigations of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues.
- | A Fortune 100 transportation company in conducting internal investigations of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues voluntarily disclosed to the Department of Justice and SEC.
- | Two different Fortune 250 energy companies in conducting internal investigations of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues.
- | A leading defense contractor in *qui tam* litigation under the False Claims Act.
- | The audit committee of the board of directors of a Fortune 250 technology company in conducting an independent investigation of revenue recognition and corporate governance issues.
- | The Governor of New Jersey in connection with investigations relating to the George Washington Bridge toll lane closings.
- | Court-appointment as a Special Master to help the court resolve a discovery dispute between the Department of Justice and a major healthcare company in False Claims Act litigation.
- | Appointment by the World Bank as the compliance consultant under a settlement with a leading global technology company.

Chambers USA, *Best Lawyers in America*, *Who's Who* and *Legal 500* all rank Mr. Wray as a leading litigator in white-collar crime and government investigations, with *Chambers* describing him as a "renowned heavy hitter in this space" (2010) and a "top-notch advocate who can provide counsel on the toughest issues," who "brings instant credibility and will give you straight answers without blowing smoke" (2017). Similarly, *Legal 500* recognizes him as "one of the best in the business" for his "excellent judgment, vast experience and responsiveness" (2011). In 2011, he was selected as one of a small number of national Client Service All-Stars based on BTI Consulting's independent surveys of corporate counsel. And in 2015, the *National Law Journal* selected him as a Regulatory & Compliance "Trailblazer." According to *Chambers*, "any time a major corporation is under investigation, you expect to see him present." (2014).

Mr. Wray has substantial federal appellate experience, including successful oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Eleventh Circuit sitting en banc and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

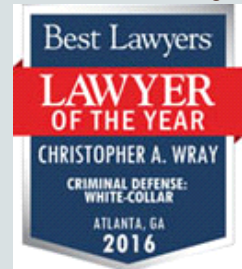
Mr. Wray is also a member of the Lead Director Network, a select group of lead outside directors from many of America's top companies, focused on improving corporate performance and earning shareholder trust through more effective board leadership.

He served as a law clerk to Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit from 1992 to 1993.

Mr. Wray graduated, *cum laude*, from Yale University in 1989 and received his law degree in 1992 from Yale Law School, where he served as Executive Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

NEWS & INSIGHTS

ADMISSIONS



NEWS

- 07 Feb 2017 Law360 Names King & Spalding a “White Collar Group of the Year”
- 23 Sep 2016 Global Investigations Review Names King & Spalding to List of Top 30 Global Investigations Firms
- 22 Aug 2016 Global Investigations Review Names King & Spalding to List of Top D.C. FCPA Practices
- 08 Jul 2016 Legal 500 U.S. Ranks King & Spalding Practices and Lawyers Among the Best in 2016
- 03 May 2016 Senior SEC Enforcement Lawyer Alec Koch Joins King & Spalding in Washington
- 17 Nov 2015 National Law Journal Names Partner Chris Wray a Regulatory and Compliance “Trailblazer”
- 13 Nov 2015 The 10 Mightiest Securities And White Collar Practices | *Law360*
- 21 Oct 2015 How King & Spalding Built Its D.C. Office From One AG to a Team of 200 | *The National Law Journal - Legal Times*
- 27 Aug 2015 Best Lawyers in America 2016 Rankings Recognize Over 100 King & Spalding Lawyers
- 05 Jun 2015 Legal 500 U.S. Ranks 26 King & Spalding Practices, Recognizes 104 of Firm’s Lawyers in 2015 Guide to Leading U.S. Law Firms
- 19 Feb 2015 Fifty-Nine King & Spalding Lawyers in Atlanta Named to ‘Super Lawyers’ List
- 11 Dec 2014 King & Spalding Elects Two Partners to Its Policy Committee
- 08 Jul 2014 Legal 500 US Ranks 21 King & Spalding Practices, Recognizes 79 of Firm’s Lawyers in 2014 Guide to Leading U.S. Law Firms
- 13 Jun 2014 King & Spalding Earns 34 Practice Rankings and 125 Individual Rankings in Chambers USA 2014 Guide
- 07 Mar 2014 Seventy King & Spalding Lawyers in Atlanta Named to ‘Super Lawyers’ List
- 17 Sep 2013 Christopher Wray, Russell Ryan to Address SIFMA Compliance and Securities Seminar
- 03 Jun 2013 Legal 500 Recognizes King & Spalding with 20 practice, 87 lawyer rankings in 2013 US Edition
- 28 May 2013 King & Spalding Earns 35 Practice and 119 Lawyer Rankings in 2013 Chambers USA Guide
- 22 May 2013 Best FCPA Lawyers Client Service Awards: King & Spalding | *Main Justice*
- 16 May 2013 Super Lawyers Magazine Recognizes 24 King & Spalding Lawyers in 2013 Washington, D.C., Edition
- 05 Mar 2013 Seventy-seven King & Spalding Lawyers Recognized in 2013 Edition of Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine
- 07 Jun 2012 Chambers Again Counts King & Spalding as One of the Top U.S. Law Firms
- 30 May 2012 Legal 500 Recognizes 21 King & Spalding Practices And 68 Firm Lawyers in Latest U.S. Guide
- 27 Feb 2012 Super Lawyers Magazine Counts 84 King & Spalding Lawyers Among Georgia’s Finest
- 13 Jul 2011 King & Spalding Sponsors Capitol Hill Health Care Forums
- 13 Jun 2011 King & Spalding Earns 36 Practice Rankings and 114 Individual Lawyer Recognitions in 2011 Chambers USA Guide
- 06 Jun 2011 King & Spalding Profile in Legal 500’s U.S. Guide Swells to 17 Practice and 55 Individual Rankings
- 02 Mar 2011 Twentieth Annual King & Spalding Health Law Forum To Address Healthcare Reform, Accountable Care Organizations
- 01 Mar 2011 Report from the Lead Director Network | *Directors & Boards*
- 28 Feb 2011 Eighty-Two King & Spalding Lawyers Counted Amongst Georgia’s Best in “Super Lawyers” Magazine
- 16 Feb 2011 Chris Wray Lauded for Superior Client Service in National Survey
- 28 Jan 2011 King & Spalding Earns Four Spots Among Law360 Practice Groups of the Year
- 13 Jan 2011 White Collar Group Of The Year: King & Spalding | *Law360*
- 09 Dec 2010 King & Spalding Elects Three Partners to Its Policy Committee
- 29 Jun 2009 King & Spalding Lawyers Receive 28 Rankings in 2009 U.S. Edition of Legal 500 | *Legal 500*
- 12 Jun 2009 King & Spalding Lawyers Earn 120 Spots In Chambers USA 2009 Rankings | *Chambers USA*
- 18 Nov 2008 Federal Prosecutor Joins King & Spalding
- 07 Apr 2008 King & Spalding Partner Chris Wray to Speak At Corporate Compliance and Ethics Seminar

05 Dec 2007 **19 King & Spalding Lawyers Selected to GeorgiaTrend Magazine's "Legal Elite" | GeorgiaTrend Magazine**

05 Dec 2007 **King & Spalding Elects Two Partners to its Policy Committee**

08 Dec 2006 **Georgia Trend Magazine selects Twenty-Four King & Spalding Attorneys To List Of Georgia's "Legal Elite" | Georgia Trend Magazine**

06 Mar 2006 **Industry Leaders To Discuss Ethics And Law At The 13th Annual Health Law And Policy Forum**

21 Dec 2005 **Former Justice Department Prosecutors Kick-Off 4th Annual King & Spalding E-Learn Series**

25 Apr 2005 **Assistant Attorney General Christopher Wray Returns to King & Spalding**

28 Feb 2005 **DOJ's Criminal Division Chief to Depart | The National Law Journal**

28 May 2002 **On The Rise: Christopher A. Wray | Daily Report**

PUBLICATIONS

28 Feb 2017 **DOJ Issues New Corporate Compliance Guidelines**

12 Apr 2016 **DOJ Pilot Program: A Cap on Cooperation Credit?**

08 Jan 2016 **State AG Investigations and Enforcement: What to Expect in 2016**

11 Sep 2015 **DOJ Announces New Policies Prioritizing Efforts to Pursue Individual Accountability for Corporate Wrongdoing**

06 Aug 2015 **DOJ Hires Compliance Counsel to Assist in Charging Decisions**

22 Sep 2014 **Health Headlines – September 22, 2014**

19 Sep 2014 **Criminal Division Wants In On FCA Whistleblower Complaints | Law360**

18 Sep 2014 **False Claims Act Update**

13 Mar 2013 **Two New Developments in First Amendment Challenges to Off-Label Promotion: What's Next?**

03 Dec 2012 **Breakdown of FCPA Guidance**

17 May 2012 **ViewPoints - Issue 13 - Board Oversight of Strategic Risk | Lead Director Network**

16 May 2011 **Health Headlines - May 16, 2011**

09 May 2011 **Court Offers Guidance on Scope of "Foreign Official" Under FCPA**

EVENTS

17 Dec 2015 **Quarterly Energy Forum**