

# Special Matters and Government Investigations

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Our Special Matters team is dedicated to advising entities and individuals across sectors who are facing the reality or threat of a government investigation. Clients turn to us because of our reputation for conducting thorough and reliable internal investigations, for using the investigative record effectively to persuade the government to appropriately decline prosecution or enforcement action against our clients where possible, and for discreetly resolving government investigations on favorable terms.

When quick and discreet resolution is not possible, we are prepared to defend our clients in court – where we have a successful track record advocating and litigating against the government and other authorities on behalf of our clients.

Most importantly, clients value our transparency, candor, and ability to build relationships in order to protect and advance our clients' interests. We can successfully and seamlessly navigate the complexities of dealing with U.S. and foreign enforcement agencies. A key component of our success in this regard is leveraging the experience of more than 40 former federal prosecutors and other government enforcement officials who work on our team, as well as team members who have devoted their entire careers to white-collar criminal and civil defense in high-stakes matters with industry-wide impact.

Collectively, we have handled investigations before 73 of the 93 U.S. Attorney's Offices and every litigating division of the Justice Department. We likewise have represented clients in investigations conducted by all of the SEC's offices and all of the SEC's specialized enforcement units. We have conducted cross-border investigations on every continent, and thus have extensive experience before foreign regulatory

## Capability Lawyers



Zachary Fardon  
*Chicago*



Andrew C. Hruska (Drew)  
*New York*



Dixie L. Johnson  
*Washington, D.C.*



Brandt Leibe  
*Houston*



Aaron Stephens  
*London*



Jean Tamalet  
*Paris*

## Recognition

Criminal Defense: White  
Collar (Tier 1)

U.S. BEST LAW FIRMS –  
NATIONAL RANKINGS  
(2025)

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Government Investigations  
Firm of the Year

LMG LIFE SCIENCES  
(2023, 2024)

authorities.

The breadth of this experience includes Anti-Corruption (including the FCPA), Securities Enforcement, the False Claims Act, Environmental Investigations, Internal Investigations, Economic Sanctions, Tax Investigations, Anti-Money Laundering and Congressional Investigations. It notably crosses a wide range of sectors including Life Sciences and Healthcare, Financial Services, Energy, Technology, Food & Beverage, Higher Education, Manufacturing, Professional Services, Construction and Real Estate.

#### Cases & Deals

*November 19, 2025*

King & Spalding Secures Defense Victory for ScribeAmerica in False Claims Act Case

*May 14, 2025*

King & Spalding Secures Dismissal and Unprecedented Sanctions Against CFTC Enforcement Staff

*February 26, 2025*

King & Spalding Represents Journalist And Former IS Group Hostage Didier François In Landmark French Trial

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#### Insights

##### CLIENT ALERT

*October 7, 2025*

Chastain: Pushing the Boundaries of Insider Trading

##### ARTICLE

*September 12, 2025*

Parsing Trump Admin's First 6 Months Of SEC Enforcement

##### CLIENT ALERT

*August 21, 2025*

Fewer Cases So Far, with a Focus on Retail Investor Fraud – A Look at the First Six Months of SEC Enforcement Under the New Administration

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#### Events

##### CONFERENCE

*November 4, 2025*

King & Spalding Pharmaceutical University 2025

##### CONFERENCE

*September 30, 2025*

12th Annual Cybersecurity & Privacy Summit

##### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

#### White Collar Crime (Tier 1)

##### BENCHMARK LITIGATION (TIER 1)

Ranked in 8 cities for 2025 U.S. Best Law Firms regionally.

##### U.S. BEST LAW FIRMS – REGIONAL RANKINGS (2025)

Ranked for Corporate Crime & Investigations since 2016 to present

##### CHAMBERS GLOBAL

“The premier firm in this practice area.”

##### U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT/BEST LAWYERS

Ranked for Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense since 2015 to present.

“Very strategic... collaborative and politically-savvy.”

##### CHAMBERS USA

“Excellent credibility before the agencies across a broad swathe of white-collar matters.”

##### LEGAL 500

Ranked Securities: Regulation (Nationwide) since 2017

##### CHAMBERS USA

“Ideally placed to take on high-stakes criminal cases

*September 10, 2025*

Max Hill KC to Speak at the online webinar "Justice without Juries in Complex Fraud Trials – A Threat or Evolution?"

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News

**IN THE NEWS**

*November 27, 2025*

Sir Max Hill KC argues that proposed UK reforms for complex and serious fraud go too far

**IN THE NEWS**

*November 17, 2025*

Partner John Carroll rejoins the firm's Antitrust practice in Washington, D.C.

**PRESS RELEASE**

*November 17, 2025*

Antitrust Partner John Carroll Returns to King & Spalding in Washington, D.C.

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and parallel civil litigation."

**LEGAL 500**

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"Clients are kept out of the public eye" by a team "packed with former federal prosecutors."

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