

Special Matters and Government Investigations

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 12 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



Alan R. Dial
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Recognition

Ranked in Chambers Global
for Corporate Crime &
Investigations since 2016 to
present

Two former Deputy Attorneys
General

“The premier firm in this
practice area.”

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.

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

January 8, 2021

Georgia Results Flip the Senate and Will Lead to More Congressional Investigations

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House Democrats Will Extend Historic Oversight Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis into the 117th Congress

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December 17, 2020

The Implications of a Revived Disparate Impact Doctrine Under a Biden CFPB

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

January 25, 2021

Dixie Johnson, Richard Walker to Speak on 2021 Securities Regulation Institute's Virtual Conference

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

January 24, 2021

Brian Michael to Speak Virtually on Southern California Regional Compliance & Ethics Virtual Conference

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December 9, 2020

Ulf Grundmann to Speak at CBI's 14th Annual Forum on Transparency Aggregate Spend & HCP Engagement

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News

PRESS RELEASE

January 19, 2021

Craig Carpenito, Former U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Joins King & Spalding

U.S. NEWS & WORLD
REPORT/BEST LAWYERS

Nine former members of
DOJ leadership

Ranked in Legal 500 for
Corporate Investigations and
White-Collar Criminal
Defense since 2015 to
present.

Six former U.S. Attorneys

"Very strategic...
collaborative and politically-
savvy."

CHAMBERS USA

23 former Assistant U.S.
Attorneys

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

LEGAL 500

44 DOJ alumni

Ranked in Chambers USA
for Securities: Regulation
(Nationwide) since 2017

Three FINRA alumni

"Ideally placed to take on
high-stakes criminal cases
and parallel civil litigation."

LEGAL 500

13 American College of Trial
Lawyers

"Clients are kept out of the

IN THE NEWS

January 12, 2021

Jean Tamalet counsels former Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn

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Mike Shepard comments on what tools prosecutors will use to bring cases against those who stormed the Capitol

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“packed with former federal
prosecutors.”

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One former state Attorney
General

Five other former state
prosecutors

10 SEC alumni including the
Former General Counsel and
Director of Enforcement
