

Special Matters and Government Investigations

Founded by former United States Attorney General Griffin Bell, our Special Matters team exclusively focuses on white-collar criminal defense, civil and regulatory investigations, corporate internal investigations, and investigations before the U.S. Congress. The team includes more than 40 former federal prosecutors and other government enforcement officials, as well as lawyers who have devoted their careers to white-collar criminal defense in high-stakes matters with industry-wide impact.

Clients turn to us because of our reputation for conducting thorough and reliable internal investigations, using the investigative record effectively to persuade the government to appropriately decline prosecution or enforcement action against our clients where possible, and discreetly resolving government investigations on favorable terms for our clients. When these results are 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.

Our Special Matters team has handled investigations before 73 of the 93 U.S. Attorney's Offices and every litigating division of the Justice Department. We likewise have appeared before the SEC in all 12 of its offices and represented clients in all of the SEC's specialized enforcement units. Having conducted cross-border investigations on every continent including Antarctica, we have extensive experience before foreign regulatory authorities as well.

Most importantly, clients value our transparency, candor, and ability to build relationships with enforcement officials and co-counsel in order to protect and advance our clients' interests.

Capability Lawyers



Wick Sollers
Washington, D.C.



Michael J. Shepard
San Francisco



Sally Q. Yates
Atlanta



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Chicago



Dixie L. Johnson
Washington, D.C.



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Washington, D.C.

Recognition

White Collar Group of the
Year
LAW 360, 2010 & 2016

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

GIR

Our capabilities include the following types of high-value litigations and investigations:

- Anti-Corruption and FCPA
- Life Sciences/Healthcare Investigations
- Financial Institutions Investigations
- Securities Enforcement
- False Claims Act
- Environmental Investigations
- Internal Investigations
- Economic Sanctions
- Congressional Investigations

Cases & Deals

May 6, 2019

Michael Behenna Secures Pardon from President Donald J. Trump

January 11, 2019

King & Spalding advises Maslow Capital on renewal of a real estate investment JV

May 28, 2018

King & Spalding Advises Cook County State's Attorney's Office on Reforms to Outside Counsel Engagements

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Insights

CLIENT ALERT

September 16, 2019

The Lasting Impact of Kokesh: Footnote 3 and Beyond

CLIENT ALERT

September 12, 2019

AseraCare Saga Illustrates the Importance of Internal Compliance

ARTICLE

July 29, 2019

UK Financial Orgs Could Face Cyber Enforcement On 2 Fronts

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

December 3, 2019

Gareth Rees QC to Speak at GIR Live London Winter Event

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 6, 2019

John Richter, Richard Walker, Nikki Reeves to Speak at

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

CHAMBERS USA

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

LEGAL 500

"The premier firm in this practice area."

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT/BEST LAWYERS

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

LEGAL 500

20th Annual Pharmaceutical and Medical Device
Compliance Congress

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 4, 2019

Dick Walker, Carmen Lawrence, Dixie Johnson to Speak
at Practising Law Institute's 51st Annual Institute on
Securities Regulation

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News

IN THE NEWS

September 10, 2019

Alejandra Apecechea and Brian Stansbury discuss DACA
and the related work the firm has done at a LBJ School of
Public Affairs event

IN THE NEWS

September 9, 2019

Former FBI Chief of Staff Zack Harmon returns to the firm
as a partner on the Special Matters and Government
Investigations team in Washington, D.C.

PRESS RELEASE

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