

Grant W. Nichols

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Grant Nichols focuses on government investigations, independent investigations, and complex white-collar criminal defense matters. A partner in our Special Matters practice, Grant defends individuals and multinational companies in a variety of their most sensitive matters, including internal investigations and investigations involving federal and state government authorities.

Among other things, Grant counsels clients facing cross-border government investigations – a space in which he has advised clients in the energy, automotive, life sciences, and financial services industries. He advises individuals and corporations in criminal and regulatory matters, including investigations conducted by various divisions of the Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as by state agencies, state attorneys general, and investigative committees of the U.S. Congress.

Grant has particular experience in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance and investigations, False Claims Act matters, fraud investigations, criminal tax matters, data security incident response, and more. He also handles white-collar criminal litigation, independent investigations, and the development of compliance programs.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Grant worked for the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and for the White House Counsel's Office as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Counsel.

Matters

Representation of **global automobile manufacturer** before Department of Justice, EPA, and California ARB regarding safety and environmental issues.

Representation of **a Special Committee of an Indonesian-based energy group** in an investigation into anticorruption allegations of payments made to Indonesian authorities. The representation resulted in a declination by the DOJ.

Representation of **an international financial institution** in a tax investigation conducted by the DOJ, U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, and its New York Department of Financial Services–appointed monitor.

Representation of a **major oilfield services company** in a multinational investigation (in Africa and the Middle East) into allegations of violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Conducted an internal investigation on behalf of an **Audit and Risk Committee of a private safety-equipment manufacturer** into allegations of financial misstatements.

Represented a **hospital** in investigation and response to inquiries from Department of Justice for potential violations of the False Claims Act.

Represented **Toyota** in connection with House and Senate Committee investigations relating to allegations of unintended acceleration, including preparing individuals for interview sessions with government officials.

Represented a **major shipping company** in an investigation into possible violations of the False Claims Act.

Conducted an **internal investigation** into operations of a Central Asian joint venture, and advising a principal to that same joint venture on potential third-party engagements.

Represented a **medical device manufacturer** in an industry-wide criminal and civil inquiry into allegations of violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Regularly conducts Foreign Corrupt Practices Act due diligence in mergers and acquisitions in the **energy and life sciences industries**.

Counseled **companies** on compliance issues related to increased enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Texas at Austin, with honors
B.A. Political Science, University of New Mexico, cum laude

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
New Mexico
Texas

Recognition

40 & Under Hot List

BENCHMARK LITIGATION, 2019, 2018, 2017



Phi Beta Kappa



Lena Clauve Award

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO



Insights

CLIENT ALERT

October 5, 2021

Managing Global Risks in Light of the Pandora Papers Leak

August 6, 2021

Q2 2021: Latin America Enforcement Review

FEATURE

February 10, 2021

General Counsel Internal Investigations Decision Tree for the Automotive Industry

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Events

CONFERENCE

March 21, 2017

Life Sciences Innovation Risk, Compliance & Enforcement Roundtable

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

September 21, 2021

Grant Nichols, Amy Boring, Shannon Cox to Speak at Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics' 20th Annual Compliance & Ethics Institute

November 4, 2020

Drew Hruska, Grant Nichols, Kyle Sheahen to Speak at Deloitte's Swiss Investigations Virtual Forum

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News

CASES & DEALS

Multi-Agency Investigation for Global Banking Institution

IN THE NEWS

October 11, 2019 • Source: *Corporate Counsel*

Corporate Counsel profiles Dixie Johnson and examines the step-by-step guide written with Brandt Leibe and Grant Nichols for in-house counsel whose companies are considering internal investigations

RECOGNITION

August 10, 2020

Benchmark Litigation Names Seven King & Spalding Partners to its 40 & Under Hot List

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