

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance

Recognized for “Corporate Crime & Investigations: Highly Regarded – Nationwide” by *Chambers USA* in 2023, Winston’s Government Investigations, Enforcement, and Compliance Practice assists individuals and organizations with government investigations and enforcement matters; related criminal and civil proceedings; trials; appeals; internal investigations; and compliance counseling and program development and enhancement. We are comprised of more than 100 litigators, with more than a dozen former prosecutors from the SEC, Main Justice, and U.S. Attorneys’ Offices nationwide, including two former U.S. Attorneys, Regional Supervisors, and the former Chief of IRS Criminal Investigations. We are known for our zealous advocacy, our unyielding commitment to our clients, and for protecting and defending clients’ interests with legal acumen that’s second to none.

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Areas of Focus

Government Investigations (Criminal & Civil)

We routinely handle highly sensitive federal, state, local, and non-U.S. government investigations—including grand jury proceedings—and criminal and civil investigations conducted by nearly every law enforcement and regulatory agency in the United States, including the DOJ and U.S. Attorney's Offices, the SEC, CFTC, CFPB, FTC, the Office of Inspector General, and offices of state attorneys general, among others. With our deep understanding of government strategies and approaches, our attorneys manage the investigative process in a manner that puts our clients in the best position to assess potential exposure and present strong defenses, while promoting and protecting our clients' multifaceted interests at all phases of a government investigation. We represent our clients, including organizations, board committees, management, and individuals, in connection with government investigations across myriad industries and involving various subject matters.

Government-Facing Criminal & Civil Trials, Litigation & Appeals

We defend individuals and organizations in all aspects of federal, state, local, and non-U.S. government proceedings, including pre-trial hearings and motions, trials, and related litigation and appeals. Our client representations involve a diverse array of both criminal and civil allegations. We have tried cases in numerous state and federal courts and have appeared before dozens of federal and state courts of appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Compliance Counseling

Our in-house, government, and defense experience is particularly valuable for organizations seeking to develop robust and reliable, or enhance existing, compliance programs. We enable clients to be proactive in developing strategies to prevent wrongdoing, ensure compliance with the ever-changing laws impacting diverse industries, and meet the government's expectations to be better positioned to secure leniency should government investigations or proceedings ensue.

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Congressional Investigations & Oversight

We have served as special counsel to congressional committees and represented clients in connection with a wide array of investigations and oversight proceedings conducted by both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. Many of our engagements in this area have been matters that have dominated headlines. Notably, our attorneys are so experienced with these proceedings that they have even been asked to teach congressional oversight and investigations to law students.

Antitrust/Competition

We work alongside the firm's Antitrust/Competition lawyers to defend clients facing allegations of criminal and civil wrongdoing under U.S. and other jurisdictions' antitrust and competition laws.

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Tax

We have decades of experience representing clients facing governmental investigations involving tax and financial matters, multijurisdictional investigations, and litigation conducted jointly by U.S. and non-U.S. governmental agencies.

Environmental Enforcement Defense

We represent clients in investigations, enforcement actions, and criminal and civil proceedings brought by state and federal agencies under all major environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (known as “Superfund”); the Clean Water Act; the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA); and other environmental-protection statutes.

Government Contracts

Our full-service team includes nationally recognized lawyers with experience representing clients from many industries across a broad spectrum of government contracts and grants matters, including litigation of disputes and all size bid protests, counseling, regulatory, and transactional matters. We counsel clients through all stages of the procurement cycle, including solicitation review, proposals/bids, negotiation of subcontracts and joint ventures, contract formation, contract administration, and teaming agreements.

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Government Program Fraud, False Claims Act & Qui Tam Litigation

We have extensive experience with the legal and practical challenges clients face when they participate in government programs and conduct business with federal, state, and local government entities, and routinely help them successfully navigate that process. Our deep experience in this area, including as former government lawyers, allows us to provide comprehensive advice to organizations, boards, management, and other individuals to minimize the risks of liability under the federal False Claims Act (FCA) and similar state statutes and to mount strong defenses to FCA investigations and litigation, including whistleblower and *qui tam* litigation.

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Health Care Fraud

We represent health care providers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and other health care industry clients in connection with federal and state civil, criminal, and regulatory investigations and litigations involving a wide variety of health care related matters, including the Anti-Kickback Statute, FCA, Medicare Secondary Payer Act, Medicare/Medicaid fraud, and related whistleblower and *qui tam* actions.

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International Trade: FCPA, Sanctions, Money Laundering & CFIUS

We routinely assist U.S. and non-U.S. clients in ensuring compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the UK’s Bribery Act, various sanctions laws and orders, the Bank Secrecy Act and its AML regulations, and the Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States (CFIUS), as well as navigating related investigations and actions.

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Public Corruption & Election Law Violations

We regularly defend companies, organizations, elected officials, political appointees, and other individuals in matters related to the alleged misuse of government power or public money and alleged violations of federal and state election laws and government ethics laws and regulations.

Securities Fraud & SEC Enforcement

We defend companies and individuals in connection with investigations by the DOJ, SEC, and state attorneys generals’ offices related to allegations involving securities fraud, insider trading, financial disclosure failures, and market manipulation. We also counsel clients as to compliance with SEC and other federal and state securities regulations.

Related Capabilities

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Antitrust Transactions

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Privacy & Data Security

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Privacy: Regulated Personal Information (RPI)

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Energy

Financial Services

Health Care

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- Secured High-...
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- Secured Sole...

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