

White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations

Plunkett Cooney's White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations Practice provides comprehensive representation to corporations, executives, boards and individuals facing complex legal challenges at the nexus of business, government regulation and criminal law.

Clients of the firm range from individuals and families to small and mid-size businesses, Fortune 500 companies, academic and religious institutions and nonprofits. Our attorneys represent clients from numerous industries and institutions including health care, construction, financial services, government, law enforcement, foodservice and hospitality, real estate and retail, among others.

Our team is comprised of experienced trial lawyers, including former federal and state prosecutors and regulatory specialists who offer extensive experience in navigating high stakes matters across the United States and with global implications. Specific areas of expertise include:

- **White Collar Criminal Defense:** Our attorneys defend clients in all phases of criminal investigations and prosecutions, including allegations of health care fraud, public corruption, financial fraud, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO), securities violations, insider trading, bribery, embezzlement, money laundering, interstate commerce violations, mail fraud and wire fraud. Our attorneys have successfully represented clients before the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorneys' Offices and numerous federal and state regulatory agencies.
- **National Security and Sanctions:** Our practice includes advising on matters involving economic sanctions, export controls, anti-money laundering enforcement, International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) violations, material support financing to designated organizations, and other national security-related investigations and prosecutions. We represent clients in proceedings involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control and related agencies, ensuring compliance with evolving national and international regulations.
- **Corporate Compliance & Risk Management:** We counsel organizations on developing and implementing robust compliance programs tailored to their industry and regulatory environment. Our services include review of internal audits, risk assessments, whistleblower response and the creation of policies and protocols that align with government expectations to proactively mitigate risk.
- **Business & Internal Investigations:** Our team conducts independent, confidential investigations into allegations of corporate misconduct, fraud, corruption and regulatory violations. We regularly assist boards, audit committees and management teams in navigating sensitive matters, managing

crisis response and reporting to government officials when appropriate.

- **Immigration Litigation:** Recognizing the increasing overlap between immigration and criminal enforcement, we defend individuals and businesses in immigration-related investigations and proceedings, including those involving allegations of visa fraud, naturalization fraud, marriage fraud, I-9 compliance violations and cross-border regulatory issues.
- **Federal Grand Jury & Congressional Investigations:** Our attorneys represent clients in responding to federal grand jury subpoenas, preparing witnesses for testimony, negotiating grants of immunity, entering cooperation, diversion and plea bargain agreements as well as managing all interactions with law enforcement and investigative bodies. Our experience extends to congressional inquiries and parallel civil or regulatory proceedings, ensuring a coordinated and strategic defense.
- **Tax Fraud and Tax Evasion:** When tax disputes escalate beyond civil actions and proceed toward potential criminal liability, our attorneys move quickly to conduct discreet and comprehensive internal investigations to prepare individuals, business owners, executives and other personnel for the presentation of a strong defense. Our attorneys also open lines of communication with U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division prosecutors and Internal Revenue Service agents with the goal of concluding the matter quickly and cost-effectively while averting or minimizing criminal liability.