

→ White Collar Defense and Investigations

Sheppard Mullin's nationally-honored White Collar Defense and Investigations Team, part of the firm's Governmental Practice, aggressively represents individuals and corporations in a broad spectrum of high stakes government inquiries, investigations and proceedings. We defend against all manner of allegations, including:

- Antitrust, including bid-rigging, no-poach, and cartel investigations
- Cybercrime, including criminal theft of trade secrets and cyber breaches and response
- False Claims Act
- Foreign and domestic bribery and public corruption
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- Fraud
- Grand jury investigations, including subpoena response and compliance
- Healthcare fraud
- Money laundering
- Securities fraud, including insider trading
- Tax fraud
- Wire, mail, and bank fraud

In addition to defending against government investigations, we also devise, monitor and revise compliance programs and, if necessary, conduct internal investigations to detect and remedy problems before they cause more damage. We are more than ready to fight for our clients – be it through Grand Jury proceedings, court proceedings, trial and appeal. Our combined experience encompasses hundreds of jury trials, administrative proceedings and appeals.

We have a demonstrated expertise in providing objective fact finding throughout the investigation process. Our attorneys, many of whom previously served in the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Attorney's Offices, and other enforcement agencies, approach each matter by establishing whether or not there is an actual basis for the investigation and determine where and how information should be submitted. On many occasions, the government has agreed with the findings of our attorneys. In these situations, advocacy gives way to building a productive working relationship geared toward swift resolution. Our experience in conducting investigations and our credentials as former federal and state prosecutors and financial regulators are ideally suited to independent internal investigations by Audit Committees or Special Litigation Committees of Boards of Directors.

We also represent clients who are victims of crimes. We guide them through the proper investigative agencies and advocate for criminal prosecution and restitution where appropriate.

Because of the nature of white collar and civil fraud matters, it is critical that steps be taken to preserve the reputation of our clients in their business dealings with shareholders, regulators, and the press, among other constituencies. A distinct competency of Sheppard Mullin in this area is our ability to minimize potentially negative public relations through swift action and strategy.