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Chuck Kreindler is a partner in the Governmental Practice in the firm's Los Angeles office. He is also Leader of the White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Group.

Areas of Practice

Chuck is an accomplished trial and appellate lawyer with specialties in white collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants.

Chuck was a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles from 1989-1997. In that role, he investigated and prosecuted criminal offenses such as healthcare fraud, defense procurement fraud, tax evasion, bank fraud, money laundering, international theft, murder and counterfeiting. He coordinated and supervised both the Southern California Defense Procurement Task Force and the Southern California Health Care Fraud Task Force. Both of these task forces included agents from the FBI, Postal Inspection Service, Health and Human Services, Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the State of California.

In addition to his prosecutorial responsibilities, Chuck was promoted to Assistant Division Chief in 1994 and was directly responsible for supervising approximately 60 assistant U.S. attorneys. As a criminal defense attorney, he has successfully represented numerous individuals and entities in connection with a federal and state investigations and prosecutions.

In civil litigation, Chuck has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in both state and federal court. For example, as plaintiff's counsel, he recently won a jury verdict of \$6,724,000 in a breach of contract action against one of the largest banks in the country. In a personal injury case, he won a jury verdict in excess of \$1,000,000. Chuck was also able to reach a settlement of over \$50 million on behalf of a company against its former director and CEO, and he successfully completed a complex commercial arbitration on behalf of a biotech firm in which he won an award of more than \$10,000,000.

As civil defense counsel, Chuck recently received a defense verdict on a fraud and breach of contract claim, as well as a defense verdict on claims of trade secret violations. He has also successfully defended numerous individuals and companies in complaints brought by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), as well as state and federal False Claims Act litigation.

Chuck has received numerous awards and honors for his legal achievements, including the Inspector General's Integrity Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Special Achievement Award on two occasions from the U.S. Department of Justice. Other honors and commendations have come from the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Air Force, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Honors

- Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2011-2026
- White Collar Criminal Defense, *Legal 500*, 2016-2019
- Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2015-2025
- Southern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2009-2025

Articles

- 9th Circ. Ruling Shows Lies Must Go To Nature Of Bargain
Law360, 06.11.2024
- Government oversight in the age of Covid-19
Off the Shelf Podcast, 08.05.2020

Cannabis Law Blog

- "Online Cannabis Marketplace Businessmen Convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud," March 26, 2021
- "Bank Fraud Trial Highlights White Collar Enforcement Risks for Cannabis Industry," March 11, 2021

Government Contracts, Investigations & International Trade Blog Posts

- "Corporate Voluntary Self-Disclosure (VSD) of Criminal Activity: More of the Same or a Real Sea Change?," February 23, 2023
- "Supreme Court Limits SEC's Authority to Disgorge Ill-Gotten Gains in Civil Suits," June 24, 2020
- "Materiality Concerns For CARES Act Enforcement Cases," June 15, 2020
- "How to Prevent or Defend Against Business Crimes, including Trade Secrets and Human Trafficking," May 29, 2019
- "You Again?: Application of the First-to-File Bar Where Subsequent Actions Are Brought By the Same Relator," February 25, 2015
- "How Are Your Physicians Compensated? Stark Law + False Claims Act = Halifax Paying \$85 Million," May 20, 2014
- "Could You Be The "Beneficiary" Of The "Inadvertent" Submission Of A False Claim?," January 18, 2011
- "The Fourth Amendment Trumps Unbridled Government Searches Of Electronic Data (And What Companies Should Know To Protect Their Interests)," March 19, 2010

Healthcare Law Blog Posts

- "Tips for the Unwary: Precautions Against Liability for Healthcare Businesses Receiving CARES Act Funds," June 2, 2020
- "Cloudy Skies Ahead for Providers? CMS' Release of Medicare Billing Data Combined with Physician Payment Sunshine Act Data May Boost Fraud Litigation," June 5, 2014

- "Potential Risks of Healthcare Joint Ventures Between Insurance Companies and Hospitals," May 21, 2014

Lain American Law Blog Posts

- "The New Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 and Potential Effects on Foreign Businesses and High Net Worth Individuals," March 12, 2021

White Collar Defense Blog Posts

- "Got Pot? The Feds Try to Make Mortgagee Banks Liable Under the Crack House Statute," January 19, 2012

White Collar & Government Enforcement Blog Posts

- "Is the Supreme Court Likely to Narrow Scope of Federal Fraud in Kousisis v. United States?," December 11, 2024
- "The Ninth Circuit Holds That a Lie Must Go to the Nature of the Bargain to Support Fraud Conviction," May 23, 2024
- "Corrupt Foreign Leaders Now on the Hook for Bribery Charges: Congress Passes the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act," December 19, 2023
- "'Take Five' – A Guide to Invoking the Fifth Amendment in Civil Cases," December 14, 2023
- "Should my Company Self-Disclose Major Fraud? The Answer is Now Clear," November 8, 2023

Media Mentions

Q&A With Sheppard Mullin's Chuck Kreindler
Law360, 04.22.2013

Sheppard Mullin Signs Six from Mayer Brown
The Recorder, 01.05.2009

Events

CARES Act Oversight & Enforcement
First Target: Organized Crime/Fraudsters. Next: Legitimate Businesses. Make Sure It's Not You!
Webinar, 05.14.2020

After the Sessions Memo: Charging & Sentencing Decisions in the Central District of California
Presented by The American Bar Association White Collar Crime Committee
10.24.2017

National False Claims Act and Qui Tam Trial Institute
Hosted by the American Bar Association
Ritz Carlton Denver, CO, 06.03.2015

Podcasts & Webinars

Nota Bene Episode 83: Fraud Enforcement and Policing COVID Relief: What Businesses Need to Know with Chuck Kreindler
05.27.2020

CARES Act Oversight & Enforcement
05.14.2020

Nota Bene Episode 37: How to Prevent or Defend Against Business Crimes with Chuck Kreindler
05.22.2019

Client Testimonials

"Chuck is a rock star. He is the finest lawyer we have worked with." - White Collar Client, Chambers USA, 2025

"Chuck is an excellent attorney with a deep knowledge of the law. He thinks strategically and is an extremely effective negotiator. He is always a calming and reassuring presence." - White Collar Client, Chambers USA, 2025

"I cannot begin to explain how prepared, compelling, sophisticated and educated on my matter Chuck is." - White Collar Client, Chambers USA, 2025

Practices

White Collar Defense and Investigations

Litigation

Governmental

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)

Healthcare

False Claims Act

Healthcare Enforcement

Securities Enforcement

Industries

Cannabis

Healthcare

Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1985

B.A., State University of New York at Albany, 1982

Admissions

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California