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Michael Zweiback has extensive experience in white collar criminal defense, complex commercial litigation, and trial practice in state and federal courts across the country.

He has also litigated complex commercial disputes in international arbitration forums. A former big law partner, he has served as practice group leader across a broad range of practice disciplines including cyber security and privacy, national security and digital crimes, and government investigations.

Michael formerly served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Central District of California and was Chief of the Cyber & Intellectual Property Crimes Section, where he investigated and prosecuted cyber-related crimes including computer intrusions, privacy related offenses and the theft of intellectual property and trade secrets. He served as a principal advisor to the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Cyber Crime, as well as the Deputy Chief of the Terrorism and Organized Crime Section, supervising and prosecuting national security investigations.

He has significant experience defending government investigations on behalf of individuals and corporations in health care services, financial services, anti-trust, and anti-corruption. Michael also has significant experience defending against enforcement actions brought by agencies such as the SEC, CFTC, and FTC, as well as State Attorneys' General in a variety of areas, including violations of various provisions of federal and state data security and privacy laws.

Michael is a frequent commentator in print, radio and television on federal and state criminal matters, data security, and national security related matters.

EDUCATION

- Loyola Law School, J.D.
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia
- New York
- U.S.D.C. Central District of California
- U.S.D.C. Southern District of California
- U.S.D.C. Eastern District of New York
- U.S.D.C. Southern District of New York

PRACTICE AREAS

- Complex Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Internal Investigations and Compliance
- White Collar Defense and

Michael's Representative Matters

White Collar:

- Represent a municipal building contractor against allegations of bribery and money laundering brought by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, Public Integrity Unit.
- Represented a municipal building contractor against felony allegations of campaign finance fraud and money laundering brought by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, Public Integrity Unit, resulting in complete dismissal of all charges.

- Represented a high-ranking federal law enforcement official at trial under federal "whistleblower" protection laws resulting in one of the highest ever whistleblower awards against a federal law enforcement agency.
- Represented an "alternative" health care professional in a multi-week criminal trial in San Diego superior court.
- Represented a defendant in a multi-defendant, complex fraud prosecution related to the transportation and cargo logistics industry prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.
- Represented an international banker charged by the Department of Justice, Public Integrity Division, in the District of Puerto Rico with conspiracy, bribery, and wire fraud for allegedly taking steps to bribe the former governor of Puerto Rico.
- Represented a California federal criminal defense attorney charged with making false statements to law enforcement relating to the indictment of multiple defendants connected to an opioid trafficking scheme.
- Represented former Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca in a federal prosecution concerning false statements to the FBI.
- Represented a defendant in the "Night Shades" cyber intrusion investigation prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.
- Represented political figure in a public corruption investigation conducted by the District Attorney's Office, Public Integrity Unit. No charges were filed.
- Represented a California investment firm in an investigation by the SEC in the Southern District of New York. The investigation was declined for an enforcement action.
- Represented multiple high-net-worth individuals in an investigation by the IRS and DOJ Tax Division for alleged failure to declare overseas investments in European and Israeli financial institutions. The DOJ declined prosecution.
- Represented the former mayor of Rosemead, California, in a bribery and corruption prosecution brought by the U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI.
- Represented an oncology practice under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York for alleged health care fraud. The investigation was declined with no charges filed.
- Represented a home health care provider in the Southern District of Alabama under investigation by the FBI for alleged fraudulent billings and false claims. The investigation was declined with no charges filed.
- Represented a federal law enforcement agent in an investigation by the IRS for misuse of IRS computer databases, resulting in a declination of all charges.
- Represented a Fortune 500 client in an investigation by multiple California District Attorney's Offices for alleged violations of California consumer protection laws.

Government Investigations

- Congressional Investigations

Data Security:

- Represented Microsoft Corporation (*Microsoft v. John Does*) in various injunction proceedings related to the seizure of malicious internet domains used to operate illegal botnets.
- Advising various entities regarding ransomware infections, and data breaches.
- Advised a multinational corporation on EU Safe Harbor issues. Advised online

companies on issues involving data aggregation, web crawling, and EU privacy rules.
- Advised a California university on issues related to the intrusion of a university SQL database containing student information.

Michael's Awards & Recognitions

- Criminal Defense: White Collar, The Best Lawyers in America®, 2016-2027
- Top Litigation Attorney, Super Lawyers, 2021-2025
- Los Angeles Business Journal, Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys, 2025