

# White Collar Defense and Government Investigations

Larson's decorated white collar defense practice has achieved favorable results ranging from declinations to dismissals to complete acquittals.

We come to the defense of a range of high-profile clients, including public officials, executives, doctors, attorneys, corporate officers and directors, actors, athletes, and public companies.

Our understanding of the prosecutorial process and our trial experience allow us to leverage the legal and factual weaknesses in the government's case to quickly obtain victories and minimize the impacts on our clients' lives and businesses. We act aggressively to neutralize the effects of state audits, grand jury proceedings, subpoenas and search warrants, parallel civil proceedings, indictments, and prosecutorial overreach.

## Our Services

### False Claims Act and Fraud

We regularly defend prosecutions involving the False Claims Act, securities violations, RICO claims, healthcare fraud, industrial crimes, environmental violations, and criminal tax fraud.

### FCPA, International Sanctions, and Public Corruption

Our attorneys defend clients in fraud and corruption matters involving embezzlement, conflicts of interest, and bribery. The Larson team has successfully assisted and advised clients with the challenges posed by the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and the U.K.'s anti-bribery act. We respond effectively to anti-corruption investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission aimed at potential targets around the world and in a variety of industries, including mining, entertainment, securities, real estate, and energy.

Our attorneys also represent Korean conglomerates, entities, and individuals in white collar matters and government investigations.

## Our First Priority

When it comes to white collar defense, the best results are often obtained discreetly and before charges are filed. Our first priority is closing and resolving government inquiries and investigations before they escalate. Therefore, our biggest wins are often the ones that no one ever hears about. We help clients around the world avoid charges in an array of complex criminal and regulatory matters that were not indicted.

## Related Practice Areas

- International Arbitration
- Internal Investigations and Compliance

## Representative Matters

- Won complete acquittals following a 10-month jury trial in *People v. Biane et al.*, defeating the government's allegations that the defendants bribed county officials to obtain a \$102 million settlement in an eminent domain case. At the time of the indictment, then-Attorney General Jerry Brown dubbed the case **one of the most significant public corruption matters** in California's history.
- After five days of trial in federal court, secured dismissal of all nine counts alleged against a retired senior Drug Enforcement Administration agent accused of conspiring to commit fraud and make false statements to federal officers in *USA v. Herrera*.
- Obtained complete acquittal at general court-martial trial of a military officer charged with multiple felony violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- Secured dismissal of all criminal charges and a civil compromise for an industry-leading industrial materials manufacturer following an industrial homicide investigation.
- Succeeded in having no charges filed against a doctor following a months-long investigation of alleged \$30 million in False Claims Act violations.
- Represented a company in a criminal investigation and prosecution for insurance fraud and negotiated a settlement of the matter as a civil compromise, which resulted in the dismissal of all criminal charges.

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