



White Collar Congressional Investigations

Congress has broad authority to investigate matters of public concern, issue subpoenas, compel testimony, and conduct public hearings. For companies and individuals, that authority creates a distinct form of risk: a congressional inquiry may move quickly, unfold in public, and combine legal exposure with political, reputational, and operational pressure.

Seyfarth helps boards, senior executives, corporations, and government officials navigate congressional inquiries using firsthand knowledge of congressional procedure. We coordinate related regulatory inquiries, litigation, internal reviews, and other government investigations to maintain consistency and limit additional exposure. We advise clients from the initial request through testimony, hearings, and resolution.

WHAT SETS US APART

We understand congressional investigations from the inside. Our lawyers have served in senior congressional and federal prosecutorial roles, including as counsel to an investigative committee and Senate leadership. That experience provides firsthand insight into how congressional inquiries are developed, pursued, and resolved.

We account for business and reputational consequences. We align the legal response with the operational and reputational issues that can affect the client during a congressional inquiry.

We balance constructive engagement with effective advocacy. We identify opportunities to respond constructively, ensure the client's perspective is understood, and challenge unreasonable demands when necessary.

OUR CAPABILITIES

Rapid Response and Initial Assessment. We help clients quickly evaluate the request, identify immediate obligations and risks, preserve relevant information, establish a response team, and develop a coordinated strategy.

Responding to Congressional Subpoenas. We represent clients responding to demands ranging from executive testimony to broad requests for sensitive documents. We engage with congressional investigators to clarify and narrow requests, identify practical alternatives, and, when necessary, challenge unreasonable demands. We also help manage collection, review, production, confidentiality, and the protection of sensitive business information, reducing disruption, expense, and risk.

Preparing for Testimony. We prepare executives, public officials, and other witnesses for public and nonpublic testimony before House and Senate committees and

subcommittees. We help witnesses anticipate difficult questions, communicate clearly, and maintain credibility under pressure while accounting for the legal, procedural, political, and reputational dimensions of the inquiry.

Representing Clients in Hearings. Congressional hearings differ from other investigative proceedings, and the treatment of privilege and related protections may vary by committee, chamber, and circumstance. We guide clients through the hearing process, anticipate high-profile or contentious lines of questioning, and protect their legal and strategic interests throughout the proceeding.

Advising Boards and Senior Leadership. We help decision-makers understand the inquiry, evaluate strategic options, prepare for key developments, and coordinate appropriate communications with employees, investors, regulators, and other stakeholders.

HOW WE WORK

Assess the Inquiry

We identify the committee's objectives, immediate obligations, key decision-makers, and potential collateral consequences.

Develop the Response

We set priorities, coordinate parallel matters, and determine how and when to engage with investigators.

Anticipate What Comes Next

We prepare for additional requests, testimony, hearings, and public developments as the inquiry evolves .

ATTORNEY EXPERIENCE

- Represented a data analytics and political consulting firm in a high-profile House investigation concerning election-related activities.
- Represented a health care company in a congressional investigation into allegations of fraud in the organ donation industry.
- Represented senior executive branch officials in a high-profile House investigation concerning events at the US Capitol.
- Represented numerous financial institutions in connection with a variety of Senate and House of Representatives subpoenas.

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