White Collar, Internal Investigations & False Claims

Addressing fraud and abuse while preserving your reputation.

Staying ahead of allegations of misconduct—including violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the False Claims Act, and other provisions covering fraud and abuse—can ward off a host of issues including workplace disruptions, negative press, and even large fines or prison time. With stakes this high, companies and individuals must be proactive in both preventing misconduct and promptly responding to credible allegations of wrongdoing when they arise.

HOW WE HELP

Our attorneys help clients swiftly handle white collar criminal issues, internal investigations, crisis management responses, and litigation related to the False Claims Act and other regulations. At every turn, we work to minimize liability and maximize discretion, ideally through negotiated settlements and, when necessary, at trial.

Drawing upon years of experience in white collar defense, securities litigation, corporate compliance, and fraud prevention, our team provides peace of mind through the deft handling of internal investigations and responding to inquiries from federal and state enforcement. Should matters escalate, we guide clients through settlement or trial, including in multimillion-dollar civil fraud actions and white collar criminal prosecutions.

Companies call us when they:

- Receive a grand jury or administrative subpoena
• Are contacted by federal, state, or local government authorities, including through search warrants, raids, and informal interviews

• Suspect potential wrongdoing within its operations

• Receive whistleblower or other complaints from employees or other stakeholders

• Are accused of mishandling whistleblower claims

• Have questions about Sarbanes-Oxley compliance

• Are concerned about integrity issues within a supply chain

• Seek to develop or improve corporate compliance

Our attorneys represent companies—large and small, public and private—as well as their officers, directors, and other individuals across industries, including pharmaceutical, technology, chemical, healthcare, automotive, retail, financial services, insurance, higher education, and accounting.

THE SEYFARTH EXPERIENCE

Our multidisciplinary approach brings together the resources and knowledge of Seyfarth’s corporate, securities litigation, labor and employment, trade secrets, environmental, and government contracts teams to deliver comprehensive, sophisticated guidance in navigating the areas of government enforcement defense, internal investigations, and false claims litigation with the greatest candor possible.

Using the firm’s advanced delivery platform, our team conducts effective internal investigations in a way that minimizes potential liability, while controlling costs, preserving the client’s reputation, and keeping workplace disruptions to a minimum.

Key Contacts
Among the companies our White Collar, Internal Investigations & False Claims team have represented:

- A public company’s subsidiary in an eight-figure criminal investigation into allegations of cartel violations related to price fixing. Our team represented the CEO in investigations conducted by antitrust authorities worldwide—including
the United States, Brazil, Japan, Singapore, and South Korea—and secured immunity for the client under the DOJ's Antitrust Amnesty Program.

- A large government contractor in the aerospace industry in connection with a public corruption grand jury investigation being conducted by a US Attorney’s Office. Our team secured the company’s status as a non-target and non-subject of the investigation, which ended without any criminal action against our client.

- A large California healthcare provider on an FCPA matter in which discovery revealed a significant amount of potential violations of immigration laws. Our team developed a strategy to mitigate liability, defend the client in anticipated immigration enforcement proceedings, and initiate an immigration compliance review to assure that the client satisfied worksite requirements.

- A public company in the human resources industry in a DOJ investigation for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices. Our team conducted a sensitive internal investigation while also responding to the government’s demands and requests.

- Several California employers in responding to immigration-related worksite investigations following the enactment of a California state law. Our team guided clients through sensitive situations and offered guidance on resolutions.

- A cryptocurrency company and its owner in an enforcement matter related to the company’s Initial Coin Offering (ICO).

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