

White Collar Defense & Investigations

Cahill's White Collar Defense & Investigations practice offers exceptional depth and breadth of government and trial experience, making our team the go-to counsel for leading companies, financial institutions, executives, and other individuals facing sensitive and serious investigations.

Our New York office includes several former federal prosecutors from the Southern District of New York (SDNY), including a former Chief of the Complex Frauds Unit. Our D.C. office is led by a former Acting Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice (DOJ), also formerly a supervisor in SDNY and the former Chief of Staff to the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division at Main Justice.

Our White Collar Defense practice is top-ranked by *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500 U.S.*, and *Benchmark Litigation*. *Chambers* ranks Cahill's practice among its "Elite," noting the firm has "proven strength handling domestic and international regulatory investigations and related enforcement proceedings." Clients regularly speak to our team's qualifications and reputation to *Chambers*:


- "The team know the answers, provide great advice, and win arguments behind the scenes and in court."
- "The team stands out as having highly technical expertise and a breadth of experience in the industry. They bring a rigor to the practice of law."
- "The lawyers at Cahill have outstanding technical expertise and the ability to think outside the box in an innovative and progressively beneficial manner."
- "The firm's team has the ability to navigate challenging organizations and get the best results for the client."

Cahill routinely handles major high-profile criminal and regulatory matters and internal investigations for government entities, public companies, government contractors, and global financial institutions and their executives. Cahill has represented clients before governmental and regulatory bodies such as the DOJ, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Department of Defense (DOD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and state attorneys general, district attorney's offices, and securities regulators.

Our team represents leading companies and their boards and committees in white collar matters involving alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the Bank Secrecy Act, accounting fraud, commercial bribery laws, anti-money laundering laws and regulations of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). We have managed investigations involving alleged civil rights violations, cryptocurrency, wire and mail fraud, healthcare fraud, tax fraud, alleged violations of the False Claims Act, federal and state environmental laws, hacking and data breaches, along with harassment and other forms of workplace misconduct. Clients have included the Audit Committee of Walmart, electric carmaker Tesla, global banks Credit Suisse and UBS, and other financial institutions, including leading investment banks and global hedge funds and asset managers with billions under management.

Institutional

- Austal USA, a U.S. Navy shipbuilder, and its ASX listed parent, Austal Ltd, an Australian Navy prime contractor, in reaching agreements with the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to resolve their investigations into allegations that former employees misstated Austal's financial performance in publicly-filed reports
- Norfolk Southern as lead counsel for all enforcement-related matters involving the train derailment in Ohio in February of 2023
- The Louisiana State Police in a joint DOJ Civil Rights Division/U.S. Attorney's Office pattern or practice inquiry into the use of force and other policing practices and methods across the state
- Binance in civil litigation, regulatory enforcement matters, internal investigations, and regulatory compliance advice in the U.S.

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- Walmart's Audit Committee in the multi-year investigation by the DOJ and SEC into the company's global FCPA compliance and allegations of corruption
 - Standard & Poor's in connection with the investigation by and settlement with the Attorney General of New York relating to its ratings of securities backed by subprime mortgages and related litigation
 - A global financial institution in SEC and CFTC enforcement inquiries involving employees' use of personal devices to send business-related text messages
 - An internal investigation for a global asset manager into the conduct of a senior executive accused of violating sanctions and national security-related statutes
 - A global bank in a CFTC Enforcement swaps trading investigation, which resulted in no enforcement action against the bank

Individual

- Two individuals in an investigation by U.S. Soccer regarding the former U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach Gregg Berhalter, alleging past violence by Berhalter towards his now-wife, and later expanded to include an investigation into potential inappropriate behavior towards members of U.S. Soccer staff by individuals outside the organization
- An individual (Ilya Lichtenstein) who was charged in the District of Columbia with laundering more than \$4 billion in cryptocurrency – the largest financial fraud ever charged by the Department of Justice
- The former COO of a cryptocurrency fund in investigations conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and SEC Enforcement into a Ponzi scheme allegedly carried out by the fund's founder, resulting in no charges being filed against the client
- The co-founder of an international finance firm charged in the Southern District of New York in an alleged \$100+ million scheme to defraud investors by overvaluing and creating fake loans
- The chairman and four other former directors of a provider of outsourcing solutions, as well as senior executives, in multiple litigations relating to the collapse of the company
- The former CEO and founder of a publicly traded company in a securities fraud investigation conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and the SEC