

White Collar Defense and Government Investigations



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As government investigations continue to increase in corporate America, so do the penalties. Preti Flaherty's White Collar Defense and Government Investigations Practice Group has a strong background in representing companies, officers and employees in this increasingly critical area of corporate law.

We represent employers in all business sectors, non-profit organizations and individuals in white collar criminal matters ranging from grand jury subpoenas, criminal bank fraud and tax evasion, to healthcare fraud and numerous other criminal matters. Our group has the unique ability to draw on the expertise of the firm's attorneys across many practice areas – from health care to intellectual property, banking, military and insurance fields – for the benefit of our clients.

We assist clients with legal matters such as:

- Responding to a grand jury subpoena and other requests for information
- Working with government agencies and prosecutors to quickly resolve allegations
- Investigating alleged employee misconduct
- Defending companies and/or company officials charged with wrongdoing
- Conducting internal investigations for companies
- Auditing company policies and practices to prevent misconduct
- Supporting clients in developing corporate compliance and ethics programs

Services:

We represent clients in numerous areas including:

- Health care fraud
- Securities fraud and accounting irregularities
- Government contracts
- Bank, mortgage lending and other financial institutions
- Professional misconduct
- Bribery and gratuities
- Tax evasion and related issues
- Antitrust
- Trade secrets and intellectual property
- Computer crimes
- Immigration matters
- Perjury, obstruction of justice and witness related offenses
- Theft, embezzlement and extortion

Our lead white collar defense attorneys, Peter G. Callaghan and Brian M. Quirk, have handled the following representative matters:

Representative Matters:

- Successfully represented a multi-national company in a commercial bribery investigation where the company was not charged. Also coordinated multiple civil fraud suits and conducted internal investigation to uncover and end further fraud.
- For a multi-national company with 6000 employees worldwide, we successfully represented it during an internal investigation of employees suspected of fraudulently manipulating sales figures. We successfully protected the employer from prosecution.
- Represented a defense department contractor who was being investigated for shipping low quality parts to the military. We quickly resolved the error and avoided prosecution, keeping the small company in business.
- Represented a multi-national financial firm in defending against a cease and desist order issued by the New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation.

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