

Eric R. Delinsky

Partner

Describing Eric R. Delinsky's representation of an executive charged with securities fraud, a federal judge once stated in open court, "no fee, no matter how high, could have secured better representation."

Recognized as one of Washington, DC's top litigators by *The National Law Journal*, *Washingtonian*, and *Chambers USA*, Eric represents clients in government investigations and prosecutions and contested civil litigation.

An attorney who prides himself on rolling up his sleeves to accomplish the most critical work himself, Eric is a tenacious advocate who staffs his matters with smaller, but highly experienced legal teams.

He regularly defends CEOs, CFOs, in-house counsel, and other business executives against allegations of securities fraud and foreign corrupt practices by the U.S. Department of Justice, and the SEC. He has extensive experience as well in defending such clients in parallel securities litigation brought by shareholders.

Eric also defends individuals against allegations of public fraud. He has represented lobbyists, undersecretaries, White House officials, and government attorneys in criminal, ethical, and congressional investigations. Many of his representations remain confidential, as charges and media attention have been avoided.

As a civil litigator, Eric represents companies and their officers in business litigation and arbitration. He is frequently called upon to defend businesses accused of malpractice or malfeasance by other businesses. His experience in such matters extends to the financial services, health care, insurance, consulting and legal industries.

Prior to joining Zuckerman Spaeder, Eric served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender, a position in which he focused on fraud prosecutions. Before that, he was as an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP.

Eric has served as an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, teaching trial practice, and as a law clerk to the Hon. Joseph L. Tauro of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Government service



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Practice focus

- Business Litigation
- Congressional investigations
- Employment Law and Litigation
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
- Health Care
- Legal Profession and Ethics
- Securities and Commodities Litigation
- Sports
- White Collar Defense

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996
 - Order of the Coif
- Tufts University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1991
 - Dean's List



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- Assistant Federal Public Defender
 - District of Maryland

Recognitions

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation: White-Collar Crime and Government Investigations and Litigation: General Commercial (District of Columbia)
- 2021 Global Recommended Lawyer: Investigations, Who's Who Legal
- 2009 40 Under 40: Washington's Rising Stars, The National Law Journal
- 2006 Young Guns: 40 Lawyers Under 40, Washingtonian
- Benchmark Litigation, Future Star (Washington, DC)
- The Best Lawyers in America, Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Super Lawyers (Washington, DC)
- Legal 500 US, White-Collar Criminal Defense

Bar admissions

- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts

Court admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Clerkships

- Hon. Joseph L. Tauro, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Representative matters

- Obtained an acquittal of all felony charges on behalf of the former chief executive officer of an energy company related to alleged securities fraud and other criminal violations.
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of the former chief financial officer of Fannie Mae of civil securities fraud claims. After more the eight years of investigations and litigation, the court's finding of "overwhelming evidence" of our client's good faith was, in our client's words, "a complete vindication."
- Served as lead defense counsel in malpractice claim brought against international financial services institution involving the bidding for a \$300 million municipal



contract.

- Conducted an internal investigation into allegations of Sarbanes-Oxley violations on behalf of the audit committee of a publicly traded company. Presented the findings to the audit committee and outside auditor.
- Represented executives in various Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) investigations spanning Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America by the SEC and DOJ. No client has been charged.
- Wrote, argued, and won a motion to dismiss a malpractice case against a national law firm in connection with a corporate ownership dispute.
- Obtained victory on behalf of a hedge fund in proxy fight against publicly traded company over the composition of its for its board of directors.
- Obtained victory on all claims in arbitration for a former executive over a multi-million dollar compensation dispute arising from his resignation.
- Obtained dismissal of claims against the chief financial officer of a government contractor in shareholder derivative suit and shareholder class action alleging securities fraud.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of insurer carrier in an action against broker for asserted misconduct in connection with coverage of valuable fine art.
- Represented a federal prosecutor in connection with congressional and DOJ investigations related to Operation Fast and Furious.
- Represented White House officials in a DOJ investigation into alleged leaks of classified information pertaining to Iran.
- Represented a former judge in a DOJ investigation into allegedly fraudulent reimbursement requests.

