



## Gregg L. Bernstein

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### Practice Focus

- Business Litigation
- Health Care
- Investigations
- Pro Bono
- Securities and Commodities Litigation
- White Collar - Procurement fraud
- White Collar Defense

### Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1981
  - Editor, *Maryland Law Review*
- University of Maryland, B.A., 1977

Bringing years of experience as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Maryland United States District Court, elected Baltimore City State's Attorney, and private attorney, Gregg L. Bernstein litigates criminal and civil matters in Maryland and across the country.

With a practice that spans white collar defense, health care fraud, internal investigations, public corruption, and securities and commercial litigation, Gregg is one of the most well-respected attorneys in Maryland.

Gregg has represented numerous clients in high-profile cases, including:

- a former state senator who was acquitted of bribery and extortion charges;
- the head of a state agency whose criminal charges of misappropriating federal grant money were dismissed;
- on behalf of the Maryland General Assembly, conducted an investigation of a state delegate regarding allegations of conflict of interest;
- one of the largest securities funds in the world in a shareholder class action involving the merger of two companies;
- the president of a large manufacturing company who was acquitted of perjury charges arising from a federal antitrust investigation;

- on behalf of a religious organization, conducted an investigation of allegations of sexual harassment and financial improprieties;
- individuals identified in a report issued by a State Attorney General documenting a history and pattern of sexual abuse;
- on behalf of an educational institution, conducted an investigation of allegations of conflict of interest; and
- one of the world's largest automobile manufacturers in multidistrict litigation arising from dozens of federal civil RICO actions.

He is also frequently retained to provide consulting assistance to law enforcement and prosecution agencies throughout the country.

Gregg rejoined Zuckerman Spaeder in 2015 after serving a four-year term as the Baltimore City State's Attorney where he managed an office of more than 400 prosecutors and support staff responsible for investigating and prosecuting criminal offenses throughout the City of Baltimore.

Elected Baltimore City State's Attorney in 2010, Gregg spearheaded a number of initiatives to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the office and improve public safety throughout the city.

Gregg served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland from 1987 to 1991, where he investigated and obtained convictions in a wide variety of federal criminal matters, including the illegal export to Iran and Iraq of a chemical precursor used in the manufacture of mustard gas; a murder-for-hire scheme of an IRS agent; and the deadly collision between a freight train and an Amtrak passenger train.

## **Experience**

- Served as the court-appointed conservator for a large law firm in directing the winding up of the firm.
- Represented a large medical institution that was the victim of an extortion plot by a prominent personal injury lawyer.
- Represents a leading manufacturer and distributor of beverages and snack food products in an action brought by Baltimore City alleging damages caused by plastic-containing materials.
- Represented the former president of a generic pharmaceutical company in parallel investigations by State Attorneys General and the DOJ into alleged price-fixing in the generic drug industry.
- Represented the Board of Directors of a large U.S. manufacturing company with regard to a criminal antitrust

investigation by the Department of Justice. After extensive investigation, the DOJ ultimately declined to prosecute.

- Obtained the dismissal of a federal indictment on behalf of the former vice president in charge of the natural gas liquids futures trading desk of a major international oil company who was indicted along with a number of other individuals with the attempted market manipulation of the propane futures market under the Commodity Futures Trading Act.
- Represented the owners of a national demolition business who were acquitted of violations of federal campaign contribution laws.
- Represented a minority stakeholder that received a \$15 million judgment after being squeezed out of a family business.
- Represented an international underwriter in major insurance coverage cases related to asbestos claims, exposure to lead-based paint, and the use of products containing Teflon.
- Represents a publicly traded cryptocurrency exchange platform in regulatory action brought by State Securities Commissioner.

## **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

## **Court admissions**

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

## **Clerkships**

- Circuit Court for Baltimore City
  - Hon. Elsbeth L. Bothe

## **Government Service**

- Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City
  - State's Attorney
- U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland
  - Assistant U.S. Attorney

## **Professional Leadership**

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Former Adjunct Professor, Catholic University School of Law

## **Community Involvement**

- Member, Board of Directors , Greater Baltimore Committee

## **Recognitions**

- The Daily Record, Influential Marylander, 2025
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation: White-Collar Crime and Investigations (Maryland)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Bet-the-Company Litigation and Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Benchmark Litigation, Local Litigation Star (Maryland)
- Super Lawyers (Maryland)
- The Daily Record, Criminal Law Power List, 2023
- The Daily Record, Icon Award Honoree, 2022
- DC Courts, Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2016-2017
- The Daily Record, Top Winner, Leadership in Law Award, 2015
- The Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2010