



White-Collar Defense and Investigations

When law enforcement or regulatory scrutiny threatens, or an internal investigation is needed to mitigate risk, clients turn to WilmerHale’s White-Collar Defense and Investigations Practice for effective, sophisticated counsel. We help corporations, executives, public officials and others across the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Latin America and Asia navigate all aspects of white-collar defense, government and administrative enforcement actions, and civil and criminal litigation—addressing compliance issues, mitigating risk and reputational damage, and defending against allegations of wrongdoing.

PRACTICE AT A GLANCE

- WilmerHale is an internationally recognized leader in white-collar defense and investigations, known for its efficacy in guiding clients through significant—and sometimes very public—investigations and representing them in high-stakes trials.
- Our team features a deep bench of seasoned trial lawyers and former regulatory and government officials who have previously served as Deputy Attorneys General, US Attorneys for the Southern District of NY and the District of Columbia, heads of Enforcement at the SEC and FINRA, federal prosecutors, White House lawyers, Justice Department officials, and enforcement attorneys at regulatory agencies across the Executive Branch.
- We aggressively defend clients at trial, in multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional matters, and before every major US state and federal regulatory authority, including the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Offices of Inspector General, and State Attorneys General—and we have extensive experience serving as DOJ-appointed monitors and counseling clients under monitorships.
- We have achieved major victories in high-stakes criminal and regulatory trials and conducted significant internal investigations in sectors as varied as financial services, technology, automotive, aviation, higher education, entertainment, consumer products, energy, utilities, engineering, telecommunications, manufacturing, and healthcare.



Named a 2023 White-Collar Practice Group of the Year.

— *Law360*

Ranked as one of the top five investigations practices in the world in 2024, marking the tenth consecutive year the firm has received this honor.

— *Global Investigations Review*

Ranked among the top firms in the United States in 2025 for White-Collar Litigation.

— *Benchmark Litigation*

EXPERIENCE

- Represented **Glencore** in its \$1.186 billion resolution, in May 2022, of bribery and market manipulation charges with multiple enforcement authorities across the globe—the largest FCPA resolution during the Biden Administration. Then, in November 2022, we represented the company in resolving UK Serious Fraud Office charges of bribery in Africa—the largest ever SFO financial penalty following conviction. We also coordinated the company’s favorable resolutions with criminal and regulatory authorities in Brazil, Switzerland, the Netherlands, DR Congo and Nigeria.
- Represented **Norfolk Southern Corporation** in criminal investigations, a DOJ civil environment suit, congressional inquiries, an Ohio AG suit, various civil suits, and inquiries by the NTSB, FRA, and OSHA relating to the February 2023 derailment of a train carrying hazardous materials in East Palestine, OH.
- Achieved a precedent-setting trial victory for **DaVita, Inc.** in the first-ever trial of a criminal labor market allocation case brought by the US DOJ. A federal jury acquitted both the company and its former CEO on all charges—three counts of criminal conspiracy to violate the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.
- Represented **CytoDyn** in parallel DOJ and SEC investigations into the company’s public representations of the development of a drug and executives’ trading of securities after the company began testing the drug.
- Represented a global investment bank in connection with a DOJ criminal investigation into potential market manipulation and parallel regulatory investigations by the SEC, CFTC, FINRA and foreign authorities, and advised the bank in connection with its ongoing DOJ compliance monitorship.
- Served as the DOJ/SEC–appointed independent FCPA compliance monitor for Germany-based Fresenius Medical Care in connection with the company’s \$231 million resolution of charges that it violated the FCPA.
- Represented a global technology company in an investigation by all 50 state attorneys general relating to the effects of the company’s technology on young people’s mental health.
- Represented Caroline Ellison, the former CEO of Alameda Research, in connection with a criminal investigation by the US Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York and SEC and CFTC investigations into the collapse of FTX, a cryptocurrency exchange.
- Achieved an acquittal from a federal criminal jury and dismissal of charges by the OCC for former foreign exchange (FX) trader Rohan Ramchandani, who was indicted by US prosecutors on charges of engaging in illegal price-fixing in the FX markets in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

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A UK POWERHOUSE

WilmerHale’s premier UK white-collar group conducts high-stakes, cross-border internal investigations for multinational companies facing potential regulatory or criminal exposure and defends them—as well as corporate executives and others—against allegations of financial services fraud, multijurisdictional white-collar crime, corruption, and criminal cartel activity.

Chambers UK 2025 states that “WilmerHale has a renowned practice with considerable experience of white-collar crime matters, including SFO work and expertise in bribery and misconduct matters.” “They have a strong team and are seamless in their cross-border approach,” say Chambers UK survey respondents, who also note that WilmerHale is “a well-regarded firm for representing senior individuals.”

“WilmerHale is one of the heaviest hitters in the white-collar market with a sustained record of acting in the largest and most complex of cases. The firm has only enhanced its reputation in the last year by achieving favorable results for individuals in two high-profile SFO investigations.”

— *Global Investigations Review*