

CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Since its founding by legendary criminal attorney Edward Bennett Williams nearly fifty years ago, Williams & Connolly LLP has been regarded as one of the premier white-collar defense firms in the country. The firm has represented hundreds of individuals and business entities in government and internal investigations, military proceedings and complex white-collar criminal litigation throughout the United States. The firm has also handled extradition matters and criminal investigations abroad.

President of the United States William Jefferson Clinton turned to Williams & Connolly to defend him in the first impeachment trial of a sitting president in over 125 years. The firm represented Vice President Dick Cheney and former press secretary Ari Fleischer in the investigation into press leaks identifying Valerie Plame as an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency. Oliver North turned to partner Brendan V. Sullivan, Jr. to represent him before Congress and in trial in federal district court over the Iran-Contra scandal.

Williams & Connolly represents individuals and corporations in all aspects of criminal investigations and trials outside of the political arena as well. The firm currently represents top executives at a global telecommunications company, a prominent investment firm and a major bank in ongoing criminal matters. The firm represented the former chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 company in his criminal trial over alleged accounting fraud.

The firm successfully defended at trial and on appeal a Republican party official accused of election day campaign interference. After receiving a split verdict in the District Court acquitting the official of the most serious charges, the firm won reversal of the remaining charges in the First Circuit Court of Appeals on the ground of jury instruction error. A different district court then agreed with Williams & Connolly's argument that new indictments constituted vindictive prosecution, and dismissed all charges. The firm also successfully represented a refinery company executive charged with violations of the Clean Water Act. Williams & Connolly LLP lawyers defended at trial a client acquitted of charges that he violated the trade embargo with Cuba, and a glass company executive acquitted of self dealing. In the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the firm obtained the reversal of a client's conviction of violating the Clean Air Act, to name just a few examples.

The firm also represents several clients in investigations into alleged backdating of stock options; a global investment bank in an

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investigation into municipal bonds; a major health care public company in a multi-agency criminal investigation into alleged accounting and securities fraud, and related alleged kickback schemes; and a global accounting firm in a federal grand jury investigation into tax shelter transactions. The firm has achieved rare successes in obtaining a grant of mandamus in the court of appeals to allow for reconsideration of a motion to suppress and disqualification of government counsel; the firm also defeated a government mandamus petition opposing a transfer of venue and obtained the transfer. The firm recently argued and won on appeal that the federal government could not use a "taint team" of prosecutors to conduct a privilege review of documents subject to a grand jury subpoena directed to a third party, an issue of first impression in the federal appellate courts.

Williams & Connolly has a well-deserved reputation for zealously defending the interests of its clients. Because of the firm's vigorous representation of its clients, many are never charged, and many of the firm's greatest successes have been in investigations that never became public and therefore cannot be identified here.

REPRESENTATIVE CRIMINAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Examples of indicted or other public criminal matters handled by the firm include:

- ***United States v. Stevens*** - Representation of Senator Ted Stevens in criminal investigations and trial.
- ***Representation of President William Jefferson Clinton*** - "Whitewater" investigation and impeachment proceedings.
- ***Cleveland v. United States*** - Successful criminal appeal attacking the applicability of the mail fraud statute to applications for state or municipal licenses.
- ***United States v. Cisneros*** - Representation of former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros in criminal litigation brought by Independent Counsel.
- ***United States v. Lehr*** - Defense of attorney acquitted of health care fraud and conspiracy.
- ***United States v. Singh*** - Defense of tax preparer accused of aiding and abetting the filing of false tax returns by police officers, among others; charges dismissed during trial.
- ***United States v. Wilson*** - Defense of corporate officer charged with criminal violations of the Clean Water Act; conviction reversed on appeal.
- ***United States v. Ford*** - Defense of U.S. Congressman Harold Ford, acquitted of bank fraud.
- ***United States v. North*** - Defense of former National Security Council staff member Oliver L. North in "Iran/Contra" Congressional hearings and trial; convictions vacated and/or reversed on appeal.
- ***United States v. Beech-Nut Nutrition Corp.*** - Defense of corporate official charged with criminal violations of food and drug laws; convictions reversed on appeal.
- ***United States v. Zettl*** - Defense of corporate official charged with espionage and theft of government records; charges dropped after litigation concerning use of classified information by the defense.
- ***United States v. Omni International Corp.*** - Defense of corporate executive charged with tax violations; charges dismissed based on prosecutorial misconduct in form of creation and alteration of documents, false and incorrect testimony, and lack of candor in colloquies with - and testimony before - the court.
- ***United States v. King*** - Successful defense of boxing promoter Don King on charges of tax evasion.
- ***United States v. Hinckley*** - Successful defense of President Reagan's assailant, John Hinckley.
- ***United States v. Velsicol Chemical Corp.*** (formerly Michigan Chemical Corp.) - Representation of corporation and individuals charged with conspiracy and false statements to FDA; charges dismissed based on prosecutorial misconduct.