

Tobin J. Romero

Partner

Tobin Romero is Co-Chair of Williams & Connolly's Criminal Defense and Government Investigations practice group. Toby has been recognized for his work in white collar cases by *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *Who's Who Legal*, and *Super Lawyers*. *Chambers USA* noted his "strength in handling cross-border matters" and its sources described him as a "fierce advocate" who is "very diligent, careful with the law and a strategic thinker."

Toby has served as lead defense counsel for significant multinational corporations, corporate executives, and other entities and individuals in a wide range of domestic and cross-border investigations and prosecutions. His representations have involved various substantive areas of law, including Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, commercial bribery, securities fraud, money laundering, tax, public corruption, export controls, antitrust and environmental; and various industry sectors, including financial services, professional services, aerospace, technology, mining and media. These representations have spanned the globe. Toby has handled criminal matters relating to alleged conduct in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

Toby's civil practice focuses on government investigations and enforcement matters involving the Securities and Exchange Commission, Inspectors General, and other federal and state regulators. Toby also conducts internal investigations and counsels companies on compliance issues.

Toby is the Co-Chair of the ABA's White-Collar Crime Subcommittee on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. He previously supervised the firm's pro bono criminal defense program for indigent citizens and tried and argued the appeal for an embezzlement case in which the court dismissed the charges on remand. Toby continues to supervise pro bono criminal appeals.

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Toby grew up in Lexington, Massachusetts. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University in 1993 and received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was Order of the Coif and Primary Editor, *Criminal Procedure Project*, *Georgetown Law Journal*. He spent a year clerking for Judge Peter K. Leisure of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York before joining Williams & Connolly in 1997.



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Education

Georgetown University Law Center,
J.D., magna cum laude, 1996:
Order of the Coif; Primary Editor,
Criminal Procedure Project,
Georgetown Law Journal
Georgetown University, B.A., magna
cum laude, 1993: Phi Beta Kappa;
Alpha Sigma Nu

Practice Focus

Criminal Defense and Government
Investigations
Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
("FCPA")
Securities Enforcement
Civil Litigation and Trial Practice
Congressional Investigations

Recognitions

"White Collar Crime," *Benchmark
Litigation*, 2019-2021

"Government Litigation," *Benchmark
Litigation*, 2020-2021

"Litigation: White-Collar Crime &
Government Investigations (DC),"

Representative Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Tobin's experience includes:

- Represent international sports broadcasting company in civil RICO action arising out of FIFA investigation
- Represented financial institution in securities and bank fraud prosecution; prosecution dismissed all charges at trial and entered into civil resolution
- Represented multinational media company in FCPA investigation relating to alleged conduct in Europe; government issued declination letter
- Defended telecommunications executive against wire fraud and money laundering charges; prosecution dismissed all charges at trial
- Represented multinational mining corporation in FCPA investigation relating to alleged conduct in Africa; SEC issued declination letter
- Served as trial counsel on behalf of former political party representative in conspiracy prosecution; jury acquitted on one count and trial court acquitted on remaining counts
- Represented multinational media company in FCPA investigation relating to alleged conduct in India; SEC issued declination letter
- Served as trial counsel for retail executive in securities fraud case; prosecution dismissed all charges during trial
- Represented technology CEO in securities fraud prosecution; trial court dismissed indictment because of prosecutorial misconduct
- Represented former political party representative in false statement prosecution; trial court dismissed all charges on the grounds of vindictive prosecution
- Represented attorney who was target in securities and insurance fraud investigation; government issued declination letter
- Defended hedge fund in commercial dispute; trial and appellate courts dismissed complaint
- Defended entity in civil RICO case; trial and appellate courts dismissed complaint

Chambers USA, 2016-2020

Selected to *Super Lawyers*, 2013-2019

"Investigations," *Who's Who Legal*, 2014-2015

"White Collar Criminal Defense," *The Legal 500*, 2014

Admissions

District of Columbia

New York

United States Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Ninth, and District of Columbia Circuits

United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Eastern District of Michigan, and Southern District of New York

United States Court of Federal Claims

Professional Affiliations

Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court

Hispanic National Bar Association

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Resources

Publications

- *Tactical and Ethical Considerations in Multinational Investigations*, January 2016
- *Liberal Discovery on Selective Prosecution Claims: Fulfilling the Promise of Equal Justice*, May 1996