

White Collar Defense & Investigations

JONES WALKER'S DEEP, EXPERIENCED TEAM HANDLES COMPLEX CRIMINAL WHITE COLLAR DEFENSE AND COLLATERAL CIVIL LITIGATION ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST U.S.

Our White Collar Defense & Investigations attorneys regularly represent individuals and companies before grand juries and in federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate levels. We are a team of experienced trial attorneys who have conducted hundreds of jury trials and investigations in both government and private practice.

One of our core strengths is our deep experience in handling simultaneous parallel state and federal criminal, regulatory, and administrative proceedings and our ability to draw upon the subject matter experience of the firm's over 370 lawyers in the areas of banking, energy, environmental, gaming, healthcare, insurance, maritime, and tax, among others.

The core of our white collar defense team is comprised of career criminal defense attorneys and former Assistant U.S. Attorneys, located in Houston, Lafayette, New Orleans, Birmingham, Mobile, and Miami, including the following:

- [Donald W. Washington](#) - Former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana.
- [Pauline F. Hardin](#) - Former First Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
- [Michel Nicrosi](#) - Former Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Alabama.
- [Michael W. Magner](#) - Former Supervisor of the U.S. Attorney's Office's Anti-Terrorism/Crisis Response Unit, Organized Crime Strike Force, and Violent Crime Unit; and First Counsel for Emergency Management and Crisis Response in the Office of Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys in Washington, D.C.
- [James M. Ardoin, III](#) - Recognized in *Texas Super Lawyers* in the area of White Collar Criminal Defense; Tried more than 100 jury trials in both federal and state courts.
- [Edward R. Shohat](#) - Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America®* in the area of Criminal Defense Law for 26 consecutive years; Recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of the leading lawyers in White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations in Florida.
- [Avery B. Pardee](#) - "Rising Star" in *Louisiana Super Lawyers 2017* in the area of Business Litigation. Defended individuals and entities in criminal prosecutions and government investigations.
- [Daniel J. Martin](#) - "Rising Star" in *Mid-South Super Lawyers 2017* in the area of White Collar Criminal Defense. Represented clients of all sizes, from individuals to *Fortune®* 500 companies, at the trial and appellate levels of both federal and state courts.
- [Mark A. Cunningham](#) - Top tier ranking for White Collar Crime & Government Investigations Litigation in Louisiana in *Chambers USA*. Maintains an active national trial and appellate practice focused on antitrust, intellectual property, trade regulation, and securities disputes.
- [M. Richard Schroeder](#) - Past-president of Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Experience with development of corporate compliance programs, internal investigations, and defense of SEC and DOJ investigations.

EXPERIENCE ACROSS ALL AREAS

- Antitrust
- Bank Fraud
- Civil Rights
- Conspiracy
- Embezzlement
- Money Laundering
- Environmental Crimes
- False Claims Act
- Commercial Fraud
- Healthcare Fraud
- Public Corruption and FCPA
- R.I.C.O.
- Securities Fraud
- Whistleblowers

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This core team is assisted by regulatory and subject matter experts and experienced junior attorneys who are available to provide bench support. We routinely handle the most challenging and complex white collar criminal and civil litigation matters. Here are some examples:

- Successfully defended the former chief of staff to the Governor of Alabama in one of the most significant public corruption trials in Alabama history. A federal jury acquitted the former official on all charges, including RICO violations, mail and wire fraud, and obstruction of justice after a nine-week trial.
- Represented a business owner caught up in an opioid "pill mill" healthcare fraud prosecution. We negotiated a deal for our client which resulted in a single charge of violation of the federal Anti-Kick Back statute. Our client received a probationary sentence and no restitution or forfeiture penalties.
- Served as independent counsel to a committee of the board of directors of one of the largest financial institutions in the country in response to two shareholder derivative actions. Both matters were concluded in favor of the institution with both actions being dismissed.
- Served as co-counsel in representing a senior BP executive charged in the Macondo Deepwater Horizon rig explosion and blowout. Our client was acquitted of all charges.
- Represented a New Orleans plastic surgeon who was charged with video voyeurism and rape. Following a jury trial, our client was acquitted of video voyeurism. Pled guilty to an expungable misdemeanor for the remaining charges and sentenced to six months inactive probation.
- Represented an executive who was charged in a civil RICO case. Most counts dismissed on pre-trial motions. Jury found client not liable on remaining counts following trial.
- Represented a national oilfield fuel supply company in a two year investigation into fraud in the Western District of Oklahoma and was ultimately not charged.
- Represented an independent oil & gas producer in a lengthy EPA and DOI investigation in the Eastern District of Louisiana and was ultimately not charged.
- Represented the former CEO of a geriatric psychiatric treatment facility in a lengthy investigation and civil qui tam case in the Eastern District of Louisiana. Our client was not charged and the case was dismissed.
- Secured exoneration for individual wrongfully convicted of murder and served 34 years in the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Also recovered statutory compensation, as well as substantial settlement in subsequent civil rights litigation in federal court.
- Represented a client in a high profile federal wire, mail fraud, and money laundering prosecution alleging falsification of costs for the purpose of obtaining federal tax credits and grants for the construction of affordable housing. Multiple defendants were indicted following a three year grand jury investigation.
- Served as lead counsel in defense of the former Mayor of Miami Lakes against federal bribery and money laundering charges. The yearlong undercover investigation involved hundreds of recorded conversations and resulted in the indictment of two municipal mayors and others. Our client was acquitted by a jury on all counts.
- Successfully defended public and private companies involved in criminal antitrust, SEC and FCPA investigations in the communications, energy, natural resources, and transportation industries.