



White Collar Defense & Internal Investigations

In the wake of corporate scandals, mounting regulation of business practices, aggressive and increasing law enforcement initiatives, and rising shareholder activism, company leaders are coming under increasingly harsh scrutiny. As a result of this and the accompanying rise in white collar criminal litigation, making the important decisions required to steward a business is more complex than ever. The need for competent and experienced white collar attorneys capable of providing a proactive and vigorous defense is essential.

Learning the facts, locating and preserving relevant documents, and presenting the matter cogently and persuasively to decision makers can often make the difference between a successful outcome and a prison sentence. In many cases, corporate leaders and employees called to appear as witnesses in white collar investigations have relied on our many capabilities for assistance in avoiding being named defendants themselves. We are highly adept in these and the many related activities associated with defending white collar cases.

The attorneys in our White Collar Crime group are battle-tested investigators and trial and appellate attorneys that include former federal and state prosecutors. Our decades of trial and investigative experience representing brokers, corporations, corporate leaders, employers and others in white collar criminal matters has involved:

- Accounting fraud
- Bank fraud
- Bribery
- Complex financial fraud
- False claim/*qui tam* actions
- Health care fraud
- Insurance fraud
- Money laundering
- Mortgage fraud
- Official misconduct/Public corruption
- RICO
- Securities fraud
- Tax fraud

We represent our clients before grand juries and during investigations by federal and state prosecutors. Additionally, we appear before agencies and disciplinary bodies for quasi-criminal matters. Our comprehensive capabilities also include counseling clients in connection with administrative investigations and any related civil fraud or monetary penalty action.

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We have defended individuals in large-scale investigations across the United States. We have provided coordinated representation concerning investigations conducted by various U.S. Attorneys' offices throughout the country, the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Internal Investigations

We are experienced in conducting corporate internal investigations and have conducted and participated in internal investigations involving publicly traded corporations and private companies, as well as educational institutions and other governmental entities. In doing so, we have gathered evidence and interviewed witnesses across the United States as well as in Asia and Latin America. Our knowledge and expertise help clients avoid pitfalls concerning attorney-client and work-product privilege issues. Our experience as federal and state prosecutors before joining Hinshaw gives us insight into U.S. Department of Justice and state attorneys general investigations and the internal workings of those agencies.

In addition to our many professional accomplishments, we regularly lecture and serve as program panelists on white collar crime issues. Members of the group have: served as faculty for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Northwestern University and the U.S. Department of Justice National Advocacy Center; and serve as adjunct faculty at various law schools, including Northwestern University School of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and The John Marshall Law School.

News

[Gregg Stevens Joins Hinshaw as a Consumer Financial Services Partner in Dallas](#)

March 7, 2024

[Hinshaw Recognized as "Distinguished in Litigation" in BTI Consulting's Litigation Outlook 2024 Survey](#)

November 16, 2023

[Hinshaw Receives Recognition in 2024 "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)

November 2, 2023

[Tomislav Kuzmanovic Appointed Partner-in-Charge of Hinshaw's Milwaukee Office](#)

October 16, 2023

[101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch](#)

August 17, 2023

[U.S. News – Best Lawyers Recognizes Hinshaw in 2023 "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)

November 2, 2022

[Hinshaw Partner Gretchen Harris Sperry Named to Crain's Chicago Business' 2021 Notable Gen X Leaders](#)

November 22, 2021

[Hinshaw Recognized in 2022 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)

November 4, 2021

[Sixty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers](#)

August 19, 2021

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses Impact of COVID-19 on Derek Chauvin Murder Trial with ABC News](#)

March 24, 2021

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses George Floyd Murder Trial with Law360 and AP](#)

March 9, 2021



[Hinshaw's Conrad Nowak Selected Among Crain's Chicago 2020 Notable Veteran Executives](#)
November 11, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Talks to SkyNews about POTUS Legal Challenges to the Vote Count](#)
November 6, 2020

[Hinshaw Recognized in 2021 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)
November 5, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Discusses Unique Aspects of Defending Alleged Cartel Member Defendants](#)
September 3, 2020

[Tom Kuzmanovic Discusses Croatia's Operation Storm and Subsequent ICTY Trials](#)
August 26, 2020

[Sixty-Five Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2021 Editions of Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#)
August 20, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Describes COVID-19-Related Fraud Schemes Targeting Financial Institutions and Individuals](#)
August 7, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Discusses Impact of Newly Unsealed Papers in Ghislaine Maxwell Case With New York Daily News](#)
August 4, 2020

[New York Times, The Guardian and New York Daily News Quote David S. Weinstein Regarding Arrest and Indictment of Ghislaine Maxwell](#)
July 8, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Comments in Law360 on Prosecution Tactics in George Floyd Murder Case](#)
June 8, 2020

[Peter Isola Reviews Two California Supreme Court Decisions Concerning Expert Witnesses](#)
April 28, 2020

[David S. Weinstein: Reversal of Prosecutors' Sentencing Recommendation in Roger Stone Case "Raises Both Eyebrows"](#)
February 12, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Discusses Senate's Impeachment Vote on CBS4 Miami](#)
February 7, 2020

[Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Discusses Impeachment Trial Proceedings](#)
January 31, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Discusses FCPA Enforcement Updates in Compliance Weekly Magazine](#)
January 21, 2020

[David S. Weinstein Talks with USA Today about Lev Parnas' Bid for Leniency](#)
January 20, 2020

[Ken Yeadon Talks to Business Insurance about SEC Disgorgement Case Recently Accepted for Review by SCOTUS](#)
November 14, 2019

[Hinshaw Recognized Nationally and Regionally in 2020 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)
November 1, 2019

[David Weinstein Discusses Arrest and Indictment of Florida-Based Associates of Rudy Giuliani for Alleged Election Law Violations](#)
October 11, 2019



[Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Discusses Whistleblower Complaint Against President Trump and the Impeachment Inquiry](#)

October 1, 2019

[Hinshaw's David Weinstein Discusses Congressional Testimony of Former Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller](#)

July 29, 2019

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses Arrest and Indictment of Billionaire Sex Offender Jeffrey Epstein](#)

July 10, 2019

[David S. Weinstein Discusses Obligations of U.S. Political Candidates to Report Contact with Foreign Agents](#)

June 17, 2019

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses Arrest of Larry Hopkins, Founder of Militia Group UCP](#)

April 22, 2019

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses Arrest of Wikileaks' Founder Julian Assange](#)

April 12, 2019

[Can the Mueller Investigation Break Even? David S. Weinstein Comments in USA Today](#)

February 13, 2019

[David S. Weinstein Appears on CBS Miami TV to Discuss Implementation of Florida Amendment that Restores Voting Rights for Most Convicted Felons](#)

January 9, 2019

[Hinshaw Named a Law360 Weekly "Legal Lion" for its Defense of Former Colombian Anti-Corruption Director](#)

January 3, 2019

[Cohen Jail Sentence "Fair and Reasonable" according to David S. Weinstein](#)

December 13, 2018

[Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Suggests Paul Manafort Likely Angling for a Presidential Pardon](#)

December 4, 2018

[Hinshaw Recognized Nationally and Regionally in 2019 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)

November 1, 2018

[David S. Weinstein Installed as President of the FBA's South Florida Chapter](#)

October 12, 2018

[Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Talks to National Media Outlets about Rosenstein, Mueller Investigation](#)

September 26, 2018

[David S. Weinstein Quoted in CNBC Regarding Paul Manafort's Plea Deal to Cooperate with Mueller Investigation](#)

September 21, 2018

[Ken Yeadon and Michael Iasparro Present on Internal Investigations at Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference](#)

September 21, 2018

[Hinshaw's Dan Purdom Discusses Van Dyke Trial Prosecutors in Front Page Chicago Tribune Story](#)

September 6, 2018

[David S. Weinstein on Manafort Convictions, Cohen's Guilty Plea](#)

August 23, 2018

[Media Summary: Manafort Trial Insights from David S. Weinstein](#)

August 20, 2018



[David S. Weinstein: Secret White House Recordings Taped by Omarosa "Not Illegal" although "Highly Unusual"](#)
August 14, 2018

[David S. Weinstein in Politico and WIOD: What impact will interactions between prosecutors and Judge Ellis have on jury in Manafort trial?](#)
August 10, 2018

[David S. Weinstein Discusses the Manafort Trial Proceedings on First News with Jimmy Cefalo](#)
August 3, 2018

[David Weinstein in Politico: If what Michael Cohen now says is true ... it will make Watergate look like a mere burglary](#)
July 30, 2018

[David S. Weinstein Quoted in Politico's "It's a big FU from Mueller" Story, Talks to CBS4 Miami](#)
July 18, 2018

[Ken Yeadon Discusses the Impact of the SCOTUS Escobar Ruling, Two Years On](#)
June 29, 2018

[Ken Yeadon Discusses the Settlements of Two Libya FCPA Cases in Wall Street Journal](#)
June 8, 2018

[David S. Weinstein Discusses What Attorneys Can Learn from the Media Skills of Trial Lawyer Michael Avenatti](#)
May 21, 2018

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Continues his Analysis of the Addition of Jane and Marty Raskin to President Trump's Legal Defense Team: Washington Post](#)
April 26, 2018

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses Addition of Jane and Marty Raskin to President Trump's Legal Defense Team: ABC News & McClatchy](#)
April 20, 2018

[David S. Weinstein Appears on Joe Rose Show to Discuss Barbershop Battle between LeBron James and Nick Saban](#)
April 5, 2018

[Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Provides Media Commentary Regarding Latest Developments in the Trial of the Pulse Nightclub Shooter's Widow](#)
March 29, 2018

[David S. Weinstein Discusses Criminal Defense Strategies Following Mass School Shooting in Florida](#)
February 16, 2018

[Media Summary: David S. Weinstein and Ken Yeadon Provide Analysis of Former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn's Guilty Plea](#)
December 5, 2017

[Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Discusses the Mistrial of New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez](#)
November 17, 2017

[Hinshaw's Brette Bensinger Honored with "2017 Forty Attorneys Under 40 to Watch" Award](#)
November 10, 2017

[Media Summary: Ken Yeadon and David S. Weinstein Discuss the Indictment of former Trump Campaign Chair Paul Manafort](#)
November 3, 2017

[Hinshaw Achieves National and Regional Recognition in 2018 U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" Directory](#)
November 1, 2017



[Hinshaw Welcomes Former Assistant U.S. Attorney and Well-Respected South Florida Legal Analyst David Weinstein to its Miami Office](#)

September 25, 2017

[Media Coverage of Hinshaw Legal Team Representing Former LaSalle County State Attorney Brian Towne](#)

July 20, 2017

[Ken Yeadon Talks to HealthcareDive about \\$1.3bn Federal Health Care Fraud Takedown](#)

July 18, 2017

[Recent FCPA Settlements Prohibit Executives from Serving as Officers or Directors of Public Companies](#)

May 16, 2017

[Highly Anticipated SCOTUS Ruling in SEC Disgorgement Case Could Benefit D&O Insurers](#)

April 27, 2017

[Ken Yeadon Talks With Crain's Chicago Business and NPR About Federal Authorities' Search of Caterpillar Facilities](#)

March 3, 2017

[Hinshaw's Ken Yeadon Considers Possible Changes to DOJ Enforcement Priorities under the Trump Administration](#)

February 9, 2017

[Is Disgorgement a Fine, Forfeiture, Penalty or Equitable Remedy? The U.S. Supreme Court Will Decide](#)

February 2, 2017

[Former Assistant U.S. Attorney and SEC Enforcement Lawyer Ken Yeadon Joins Hinshaw in Chicago](#)

January 25, 2017

[Hinshaw Garners More Than Thirty Rankings in 2017 U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" List](#)

November 1, 2016

[Thirty Hinshaw Lawyers Named to 2017 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®](#)

August 15, 2016

[Sergio Acosta Receives Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois' Aguila Award](#)

May 16, 2016

[Sergio Acosta Discusses Task Force on Police Accountability Video Release Policy](#)

February 17, 2016

[Sergio Acosta Appears on Chicago Tonight to Discuss Chicago Task Force on Police Accountability's Efforts](#)

February 2, 2016

[National Law Journal Names Sergio Acosta a "White Collar Crime Trailblazer"](#)

December 14, 2015

[Sergio Acosta Appointed Co-Chair of Chicago's Newly Created Task Force on Police Accountability](#)

December 1, 2015

[Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Garners More Than Two Dozen Rankings in U.S. News – Best Lawyers' 2016 "Best Law Firms"](#)

November 2, 2015

[Sergio Acosta Discusses Impact of DOJ's Policy Shift to Pursue Individual Accountability for Corporate Wrongdoing](#)

September 15, 2015

[Sergio Acosta Comments on SEC's Expanded Reading of "Anything of Value" Under FCPA](#)

August 31, 2015



[Twenty-Eight Hinshaw Lawyers Named to 2016 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America](#)
August 17, 2015

[Sergio Acosta Comments on Strategy Behind Senator Robert Menendez's Efforts to Move Corruption Case to Washington, D.C.](#)
May 28, 2015

[Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Receives Several Tier One Rankings in Multiple Practice Areas by U.S. News - Best Lawyers 2015](#)
November 3, 2014

[Sergio E. Acosta Cited in Inside Counsel and Daily Journal Articles on Recent Debate Surrounding FedEx Indictment](#)
July 25, 2014

[Sergio E. Acosta Selected by Illinois Governor to Serve on the State's Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board](#)
January 7, 2014

[Daniel Purdom Quoted in Mainstreet.com on Medicare Fraud: The Dirty Truth](#)
November 4, 2013
Mainstreet.com

[Seventeen Hinshaw Lawyers Chosen as Best Lawyers in America 2014](#)
November 1, 2013

[Sergio Acosta Weighs in on the Jacksons' Sentencing on Chicago Tonight](#)
August 19, 2013

[Hinshaw Launches White Collar Crime & Internal Investigations Blog](#)
March 29, 2012

[Daniel Purdom Author's Article, "Recent Amendments Significantly Enhance the Power and Reach of the False Claims Act," in Westlaw Journal](#)
April 1, 2011

Events

[David S. Weinstein to Provide FCPA Enforcement Update in FFTA Presentation](#)
January 16, 2020
Hinshaw's Miami Office | 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

[Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein to Provide FCPA Enforcement Update at FFTA Meeting](#)
October 23, 2019
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[John le Carré novel or CLE? Hinshaw duo discuss the deep and complicated legal issues involved in the Mueller investigation](#)
August 29, 2018
James R. Thompson Center, Chicago IL

[Cybersecurity in the Workplace: How to Strengthen and Protect Your Business in an Era of Easy Computer System Access](#)
August 16, 2018
Webinar



[Ken Yeadon to Speak at PLI's Acquiring or Selling the Privately Held Company 2017 Program](#)

June 23, 2017

PLI New York Center, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, (2nd floor), New York, New York 10036

[Hinshaw and the NYSBA Present Event on the Realities of Doing Business in Latin America](#)

May 9, 2017

Four Seasons Hotel Miami

[Sergio Acosta to Moderate Presentation by U.S. Attorney Zachary Fardon on American Life and Law: Justice in the 21st Century](#)

April 28, 2016

Oak Brook Hills Resort — 3500 Midwest Road Oak Brook, IL 60523

[Hinshaw Partner Tom Kuzmanovic to Serve as Guest Speaker at ABA International Courts Committee Meeting](#)

November 11, 2015

[Daniel Purdom to Present on Putting in Place Document Retention Programs](#)

June 10, 2015

University of Illinois Business & Industry Services, 1100 East Warrenville Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563

[Hinshaw's Annual Labor & Employment Seminar](#)

October 2, 2013

Hoffman Estates, Illinois

[Sergio Acosta Presenting at American Bar Association's Sixth Annual National Institute on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act](#)

September 18, 2013

Washington, D.C.