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## Michael Leotta Named National Vice Chair of ABA's White Collar Crime Committee

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Partner [Michael Leotta](#) was named a national vice chair of the American Bar Association's (ABA) [White Collar Crime Committee](#).

A major goal of the committee, which is part of the ABA's Criminal Justice Section, is to ensure practitioners and academics in the United States and around the world are on the leading edge of important issues in white collar law. The committee explores practice problems related to healthcare fraud, internal corporate investigations, corporate monitoring, tax fraud, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, money laundering, *qui tam* enforcement and securities fraud. The committee also develops policy and sponsors annual CLE programs on areas of white collar crime.

At WilmerHale, Leotta defends corporations and individuals against alleged violations of criminal and securities laws and financial statutes, such as anti-money laundering rules. He also conducts internal investigations and represents clients in investigations by Congress, the Justice Department, the Securities and Exchange Commission, US and international financial regulators, and self-regulatory organizations. Additionally, he advises media companies on First Amendment and criminal matters. Before joining WilmerHale in 2011, Leotta was an attorney in the White House Counsel's Office and an assistant US attorney and appellate chief and ethics advisor in the US Attorney's Office for District of Maryland.

Leotta began serving as a committee vice chair in August, following the ABA's annual meeting.