

Investigations

Fortune 500 companies, corporate executives and public officials rely on WilmerHale's deep experience and significant capabilities to counsel them through internal, government and cross-border investigations, as well as related criminal, civil and administrative litigation and enforcement proceedings. Our lawyers—many of whom have held high-level government positions—combine critical subject matter knowledge and a relentless devotion to helping clients achieve their business and reputational goals.

PRACTICE AT A GLANCE

- Lawyers in our global investigations practice represent clients in internal reviews and government investigations around the world in cases that span criminal, civil, legislative and regulatory regimes and disciplines.
- Our work spans six continents and stretches across our offices in the United States, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Germany and China.
- In the United States, our team regularly handles investigations involving the
 Department of Justice, Congress, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the
 Commodities Futures Trading Commission, banking regulators, and virtually
 every other federal agency with investigative authority.
- We represent clients in state civil and criminal investigations and litigation, including before state attorneys general, financial regulators and consumer protection agencies.
- Our international group, which includes a robust team in the UK, represents
 clients outside the United States before numerous law enforcement and regulatory
 bodies in matters including competition/cartel issues, securities trading, anticorruption, anti-money laundering and fraud.
- When the government comes calling, we defend clients against major enforcement actions through litigation. We have a strong record of successfully defending clients at trial and in appeals against the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, and many other federal and state authorities.
 Our familiarity with the applicable regulatory programs, enforcement practice and the courtroom allows us to advance our clients' interests through every stage of a matter.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Congressional Investigations
- Cross-Border Investigations and Compliance
- Federal Inspector General Investigations
- Independent Investigations
- Internal Investigations
- Law Enforcement Investigations
- Monitorships
- Multi-Jurisdictional Matters
- Regulatory Investigations
- UK White Collar Defense and Investigations
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TEAM

- Our team conducts internal investigations on matters ranging from whistleblower complaints and conduct, governance and ethics reviews to anti-bribery and anti-corruption, export/import controls and other violations of law. We have also handled healthcare fraud cases, accounting and disclosure matters, securities trading reviews, and code-of-conduct and compliance inquiries. Many of our most prominent cross-border representations involve alleged cartels, corrupt payments, money laundering and fraud.
- Our investigations team includes lawyers who formerly served in senior government positions, including as Secretary of the Interior; Deputy Attorneys General of the United States; Deputy Director of the CIA; Undersecretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Terrorist Finance; United States Attorneys; Director and Associate Director of Enforcement and Chief Litigation Counsel for the Division of Enforcement at the SEC; General Counsels of the FBI, SEC, Department of Defense and CIA; and Assistant United States Attorneys and state prosecutors.

A GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



DEEP BENCH

300+

lawyers across the firm involved in investigations

A TOP INVESTIGATIONS FIRM

Global Investigations Review (GIR) named WilmerHale as the "Most Impressive Investigations Practice of the Year," in 2022 and finalist in "Most Important Court Case of the Year" and "Most Important Development of the Year" contests in 2021.

Since 2015, GIR has named WilmerHale among the top five firms in its annual list of the world's 30 leaders for investigations—including a number-one ranking in 2017.

GIR Just Anti-Corruption gave our Washington DC office an "elite" ranking for its Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Practice.

Chambers Global recognized WilmerHale as a leading law firm for corporate crime and investigations in the United States and globally in 2021 and 2022.

105+

countries in which investigationsrelated work has been conducted

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