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When the government knocks on your door, Jack Sharman's your experienced ally.

Jack defends businesses and individuals in civil and criminal white collar cases, provides guidance during corporate internal investigations and advises on how to stay in compliance with the law. In an environment of increased enforcement, regulatory scrutiny and a skeptical public, clients rely on his informed counsel to navigate the most difficult circumstances they will likely ever face.

Jack leads the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations practice group. He handles and takes to trial matters involving kickback allegations, government contract fraud, public corruption, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, congressional investigations, election contests, healthcare fraud, qui tam lawsuits, the False Claims Act, and Department of Defense or military investigations.

Clients benefit from the decades of high-profile experience that Jack brings to the table. He served as special counsel to the House Financial Services Committee for the Whitewater investigation involving President Bill Clinton. From 2016-17, Jack was special counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the Alabama House of Representatives for the impeachment investigation of Gov. Robert Bentley. Following law school, Jack clerked for Judge David B. Sentelle, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and worked at a Washington, D.C.-based international law firm. He also taught law as an adjunct professor at Washington & Lee University and the University of Alabama.

Jack often updates his **White Collar Wire** blog and manages a **Twitter account** focused on white collar crime and enforcement matters.

EXPERIENCE

- Leading the impeachment investigation of Gov. Robert Bentley.
- Conducting a sexual harassment investigation in the #MeToo era.

PRACTICE AREAS

White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations
Directors' & Officers' Liability
Securities & Shareholder Disputes
International Disputes

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School (J.D., 1989)
Editor-in-Chief, *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*
Washington University (M.F.A., 1986)
Institute for European Studies, Geneva, Switzerland (Certificate in European Studies, 1985)
Washington & Lee University (B.A., 1983)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama (1996)
District of Columbia (1991)
Georgia (1989)
Mississippi (2002)
New York (2019)

- Conducting an internal investigation of a publicly traded company's government contracts division in Virginia (with regard to kickbacks) and the company's law department (with regard to sexual misconduct claims).
- Conducting an internal investigation into a Division I men's basketball program, alongside colleagues in the firm's NCAA practice.
- Representing the former president of a commercial cleaning company in a two-week trial in a federal public corruption case.
- Completing multiple internal investigations at the request of a major utility company on a variety of matters including alleged unlawful campaign contributions, violations of state ethics laws and kickbacks.
- Conducting an internal investigation of a financial officer at another utility company whose conduct raised significant Sarbanes-Oxley issues.
- Defending an anesthesiologist in a seven-week federal criminal "pill mill" trial.
- Advising the owner of a compounding pharmacy with respect to a federal investigation.
- Guiding the former chief credit officer of a national bank through parallel grand jury, civil class action and federal regulatory proceedings. The client not indicted; a civil settlement was reached.
- Counseling the regional manager of a large food broker with respect to a federal fraud investigation.
- Representing (with local counsel) the CFO of a specialty pharmacy in a federal prosecution under the Anti-Kickback Statute. The case was tried and the client acquitted.
- Representing (with co-counsel) a lobbyist in a large public corruption investigation brought by DOJ's Public Integrity Section that alleged vote-buying in a state legislature. The case was tried and the client acquitted.
- Assisting a federal healthcare researcher in a criminal and civil investigation into the loss of computerized health information. The client not indicted or sued.
- Representing a lawyer in a three-week public corruption trial.
- Counseling a county commission and commissioners subpoenaed as part of a nationwide SEC investigation into interest-rate "swaps" on government bonds.
- Representing a senior officer and director of an outpatient healthcare company in parallel civil, criminal, congressional and administrative proceedings. The client was the only senior executive not charged.
- Representing the president of a gasoline company in a Clean Air Act grand jury investigation. The client was not indicted.
- Assisting a pharmaceutical company in a military criminal investigation. The client and employee were not charged.
- Representing an officer of a poultry company in a Clean Water Act case. The Client and employee were not charged.
- Conducting an internal investigation for a major insurance company

whose Birmingham office director was accused of accepting kickbacks.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Judge David B. Sentelle, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (1989-90)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama State Board of Bar Examiners, former examiner

American Bar Association, White Collar Crime Committee of the Section on Criminal Justice

Birmingham American Inn of Court, Barrister

Birmingham Bar Association, Grievance Committee, former chairman

Cathedral Church of the Advent, former Vestry member

Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court, former member (only Inn devoted solely to white collar crime)

Mountain Brook Lacrosse Association, former president

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Washington & Lee University Alumni Association, former national president

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Presenter, "Impeachment Lessons for Internal Investigations," Bench & Bar CLE Seminar (2019)

Panelist, "AD Accountability/Attestation," LEAD1 Annual Convention (2019)

Presenter, "NCAA's Adopted Attestation and Certification of Compliance Obligations," LEAD1 Association (2019)

Author, "Roger Stone, the Perp Walk, and Shame's Role in White-Collar Cases," *Bloomberg Law* (2019)

Author, "Staff Depositions And The New Congress' Investigations," *Law 360* (2019)

Presenter, "Impeachment Lessons for Internal Investigations," Southeastern Business Law Institute (2017)

Presenter, "How Lightfoot lawyers earned their stripes in high-profile government investigations" (2017)

Presenter, "Corporate Internal Investigations," Alabama Chapter, Association of Corporate Counsel (2016)

Presenter, "Investigations," Legal Counsel Conference, Birmingham, Alabama (2016)

Presenter, "Civil Lessons from Criminal Trials," Network of Trial Law Firms, Chicago (2012)

AWARDS

Benchmark Litigation, “Local Litigation Star” — White Collar Crime (2018-19)

The Best Lawyers in America®, “Lawyer of the Year” — Corporate Compliance Law (2019)

The Best Lawyers in America®, “Lawyer of the Year” — Criminal Defense: White Collar (2019)

Mid-South Super Lawyers (2017-18)