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When crisis comes, Jack Sharman's your experienced ally.

Jack guides corporations and individuals through business crises, civil and criminal white-collar prosecutions, and corporate internal investigations. In an environment of increased uncertainty, regulatory scrutiny and a skeptical public, clients rely on him to respond to and navigate the most difficult circumstances they will 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, environmental offenses, public corruption, antitrust and price-fixing charges, gambling, congressional investigations, healthcare fraud and the False Claims Act (FCA). He also has an active civil litigation and civil mediation practice and is on the firm's Recruiting and Marketing & Business Development Committees.

Companies and their decision-makers benefit from the decades of high-profile experience that Jack brings to the table. He served as Special Counsel to the U.S. 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. Most recently, the Governor of Georgia appointed him Special Counsel to the office of the Georgia Secretary of State with regard to the Fulton County (GA) grand jury investigation into the 2020 presidential campaign. Jack also represented the Office, including the Secretary, in the Congressional January 6th investigation.

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, DC-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.

PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration & Mediation Services
Directors' & Officers' Liability
International Disputes
Complex Government Litigation & Investigations
Securities & Shareholder Disputes
White-Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations

EDUCATION

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
District of Columbia
Georgia
Mississippi
New York
Texas

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 Senior Warden
Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court, former member (only Inn devoted solely to white collar crime)
Leadership Alabama (2021)
Leadership Birmingham (2019)
Mountain Brook Lacrosse Association, Former President
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Washington & Lee University Alumni Association, Former National President
Washington & Lee University Board of Trustee, member (term beginning May 2024)

AWARDS

Benchmark Litigation, “Local Litigation Star” — White Collar Crime (2018-21)
Benchmark Litigation, “Litigation Star” (2022-24)
The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings — Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, White-Collar Criminal Defense, Electronic Discovery and Information Management Law (2016-2024)
The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings, “Lawyer of the Year” for Birmingham — Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law (2019, 2020, 2024)
Birmingham Business Journal, “Best of the Bar” (2019)
B-Metro magazine, “Top Flight Attorneys” (2019)
Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, “Top 50 Super Lawyers in Birmingham” (2020)
Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters — White Collar Criminal Defense (2017-23)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Reader, “Noir at the Bar,” Birmingham (2024)

Panelist, "Public Corruption," Washington, D.C. chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Washington, D.C. (2024)

Presenter, "Impeachment Lessons for Internal Investigations," Lightfoot Client Roundtable, Birmingham (2024)

Publication, "A Refresher on Witness Testimony in 3 Key Settings," Law360 (2024)

Moderator, "A View from the Bench: Expectations of Judges," ABA Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute, Atlanta, Georgia (2023)

Presenter, "Five Fatal Mistakes Civil Lawyers Make in Criminal Investigations," The Network of Trial Law Firms, Denver (2023)

Presenter, "Getting White Collar Crime Right," Killer Nashville (2023)

Panelist, "Objection", Bouchercon World Mystery Convention, San Diego (2023)

Publication, "Defense Counsel Sentencing Lessons From Holmes Case," Law360 (2023)

Publication, "Fraud Study Reflects Juror Assumptions About Intent," Law360 (2023)

Publication, "12 Summer Reads For White Collar Attorneys," Law360 (2023)

Publication, "Mar-A-Lago And The Inherent Problems With DOJ Filter Teams," Law360 (2022)

Publication, "What Attorneys Can Learn From Harvard Professor's Conviction," Law360 (2022)

Panelist, "White Collar Enforcement: What Practitioners Should Look for in 2021 And Beyond," American Bar Association White Collar Crime Institute (2021)

Publication, "Second Circuit Sheldon Silver Opinion May Limit Fraud Prosecution," Law360 (2020)

Panelist, "Big Data: The Evolution of Health Care, RICO and Money Laundering," American Bar Association White Collar Crime Institute, Braselton, Georgia (2019)

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

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

Publication, "Staff Depositions And The New Congress' Investigations," Law360 (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, "Risk Management Lessons From An Opioid Trial," Medical Economics (2017)

Presenter, "Sex, Lies, and Audiotape: Lessons for Corporate Investigations," Kroll, New York, New York (2017)

Publication, "Questioning The Controlled Substances Act After Enmom," Law360 (2017)

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

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