

Litigation

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For over 75 years, dispute resolution has been at the heart of Miller & Chevalier's practice. Roughly two-thirds of all the firm's engagements are litigation related, and our clients have selected Miller & Chevalier to handle some of their most significant and complex litigation matters, many involving groundbreaking or unresolved issues. One of the key strengths of Miller & Chevalier's Litigation practice is our ability to combine our extensive trial experience in civil and criminal cases, both jury and non-jury, with deep substantive knowledge in core areas, including tax, white collar crime and internal investigations, ERISA and fiduciary issues, employee benefits, and False Claims Act and *qui tam* cases. In addition to our focused litigation experience, we have depth in disputes involving complex commercial transactions, such as business acquisitions and divestitures, technology, employment, trade secrets, banking, securities, Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO), professional liability, shareholders' actions, contracts, and business torts. Our lawyers have appeared before more than 25 different federal agencies, many state courts, the vast majority of the federal trial courts in the country, every federal court of appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

We work cooperatively with clients to devise strategies that may prevent litigation or provide the best resolution possible for the client through negotiation, arbitration and mediation, or litigation. Our ability to communicate with our clients, opponents, judges, and juries is a distinctive feature of the firm and a direct result of insight gained from years of practical experience in litigation.

Our experience extends to jury and bench trials in courts and tribunals across the U.S. and internationally. Our teams are composed of lawyers with deep experience in the substantive areas of the firm's practice, as well as general litigation skills, and they include lawyers with successful records in a wide array of regulatory and commercial disputes. Our litigators include former Assistant United States Attorneys, Justice Department attorneys, Labor Department attorneys, public defenders, and judicial clerks.

Government Experience

- Assistant to the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice
- Assistant United States Attorney, District of Columbia
- Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia
- Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Trial Chief, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Senior Investigative Counsel, Special Committee on Investigations, U.S. Senate
- Chief, Special Litigation Division, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Senior Adviser for International Issues to SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Deputy Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Assistant Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Assistant Chief Litigation Counsel, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Assistant Federal Public Defender, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Appellate Deputy Public Defender, Nevada State Public Defender's Office
- Tax Assistant to the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice
- Deputy Associate Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor
- Trial Attorney and Director of Training, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Supervising Attorney, Trial Division, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Associate Counsel, Naval Sea Systems Command, Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy
- Associate Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy
- Senior Trial Attorney, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor
- ERISA Counsel, Regional Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor
- ERISA Trial Attorney, Regional Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor
- Harvey J. Wilcox Fellow, Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy
- Attorney Advisor, Naval Air Systems Command, Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy
- Staff Attorney, Appellate and Trial Divisions, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Legislative Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives

Rankings and Recognition

- *Chambers USA*: Corporate Crime & Investigations (Nationwide), 2015 - 2021
- *Chambers USA*: Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (District of Columbia), 2011 - 2021
- *Chambers USA*: ERISA Litigation (Nationwide), 2015 - 2021
- *Chambers Global*: Corporate Crime & Investigations (USA), 2016 - 2022
- *Chambers Global*: Corporate Investigations/Anti-Corruption (Global-wide), 2017 - 2022
- *Chambers Global*: Corporate Investigations (Latin America-International Counsel), 2015 - 2022
- *Chambers Global*: FCPA (United States), 2015 - 2022
- *Chambers Global*: Investigations & Enforcement (International & Cross-Border) (USA), 2020 - 2022
- *Chambers Latin America*: Corporate Crime & Investigations (International Counsel), 2015 - 2022
- *Legal 500*: Dispute Resolution: White-Collar Criminal Defense - Advice to Individuals (U.S.), 2011 - 2021
- *Legal 500*: Dispute Resolution: White-Collar Criminal Defense - Advice to Corporates (U.S.), 2011 - 2021
- *Legal 500*: Antitrust: Cartel (U.S.), 2015 - 2021
- *Legal 500*: Labor & Employment: ERISA Litigation (US), 2012 - 2021
- *Legal 500 Latin America*: International Firms: Compliance and Investigations, 2021 - 2022
- *Global Investigations Review*: GIR 30 Top Global Investigations Practice, 2015 - 2020
- *Global Investigations Review*: Boutique or Regional Practice of the Year, 2016
- *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*[®] "Best Law Firms": Criminal Defense: White-Collar (National), 2019 - 2022
- *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*[®] "Best Law Firms": Criminal Defense: White-Collar (District of Columbia), 2010 - 2022
- *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*[®] "Best Law Firms": Commercial Litigation (District of Columbia), 2011 - 2012, 2014 - 2018