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PRACTICES

Complex Civil Litigation
Internal Investigations
White Collar Defense

EDUCATION

J.D., Cornell Law School, *cum laude*, 2002

B.A., Brown University, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1998

LANGUAGES

Spanish

Michael J. Satin

MEMBER

Michael Satin defends individuals and entities in criminal investigations and trials, and in other government enforcement matters. He also handles complex civil litigation matters and conducts internal investigations. His individual clients have included senior executives at Fortune 500 companies, government and elected officials, legal and medical professionals, and political activists. His entity clients have included public and private corporations, governmental entities, healthcare organizations, religious associations, and non-profit organizations. Mr. Satin is also chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee.

Mr. Satin is best known for his skills in the courtroom. He has successfully tried dozens of cases as lead counsel before juries and judges in federal and state courts throughout the United States. He is equally adept at representing individuals in criminal trials as he is at representing entities in bet-the-company civil trials. His most recent trials, both as lead counsel, include a criminal jury trial in federal court on behalf of an individual (resulting in a hung jury) and a month-long civil bench trial in state court on behalf of an international religious organization (resulting in a \$533M ruling in his client's favor). He regularly teaches trial techniques and strategy to practitioners and law students, including at the ABA White Collar Crime National Institute, Harvard Law School, the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the Washington Council of Lawyers, and the AFL-CIO Union Lawyers Alliance.

Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in white collar criminal defense, Mr. Satin has handled matters involving a wide array of subject matters, including securities fraud, false statements, obstruction of justice, money laundering, the Foreign Agent Registration Act (FARA), the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), interfering with the protective functions of the U.S. State Department, and the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (IACA). His civil matters have included breach of fiduciary duty, the False Claims Act (FCA), and the Racketeering and Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. He has defended clients in investigations conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), and other agencies and entities.

Mr. Satin began his legal career at the nation's premier public defender office, the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), where he rose to the level of Supervising Attorney and Training Director. He is currently a member of PDS's Board of Trustees.

A former division I athlete, he enjoys playing competitive sports and coaching his kids' teams. He is also active in organizations dedicated to criminal justice reform.

Mr. Satin does not publicize the names of his clients.

His representations of *individuals* have included:

- Senior executives at a multinational financial services company in connection with DOJ, SEC, and OCC investigations into securities fraud and unsafe and unsound banking practices;
- A senior pharmaceutical executive in connection with the national prescription opioid litigation;
- A federal employee charged in federal court with making false statements during an investigation by the Veterans Administration's Office of the Inspector General (case dismissed after completion of Deferred Prosecution Agreement);
- A political activist charged in federal court with interfering with the protective functions of the U.S. State Department (hung jury); and
- A business owner charged in federal court in Alaska with misrepresentation of Native art (full acquittal).

His representations of *entities* have included:

- Lead trial lawyer in month-long breach of fiduciary duty trial on behalf of international religious organization (\$533M ruling in client's favor);
- Conducting an internal investigation of a major hospital following the death of a care provider;
- Defending a health care provider accused in a qui tam action of defrauding Medicare;
- Conducting an internal investigation of a software company alleged to have engaged in FCPA violations; and
- Defending a foreign government in complex, multijurisdictional civil litigation that culminated in a six-week jury trial in federal court in New York (case dismissed on appeal on jurisdictional grounds raised before trial court).

Government Experience

- Training Director, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (2010-2012)
- Supervising Attorney, Trial Division, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (2007-2010)
- Staff Attorney, Trial Division, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (2002-2007)

Rankings and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]: Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2020 - 2022

- *Legal 500*: Dispute Resolution: White-Collar Criminal Defense, 2016
- DC Bar Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2015 - 2016, 2019
- DC Bar Capital Pro Bono High Honor Roll, 2013 - 2014, 2020

Affiliations

- Faculty Member, Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop (2012-present)
- Faculty Member, National Institute of Trial Advocacy's Intensive Trial Training Program (2013-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Justice Policy Institute (JPI) (2015-present)
- Member, Board of Trustees, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS)
- Chair, Lawyers Committee, Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop
- Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2013-present)
- Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, American University Washington College of Law (2012-2013)
- Adjunct Professor, Cornell Law School (Fall 2009, Spring 2012)

Admissions

STATE ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia