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Areas of Practice

White-Collar Criminal
 Defense

Securities Litigation &
 Enforcement

FCPA/Anti-Corruption
 Litigation

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D.,
 1989

Harvard University, B.A.,
magna cum laude, 1985, Phi
 Beta Kappa

Judicial Clerkships

Law Clerk, Hon. Edmund
 V. Ludwig, US District
 Court for the Eastern
 District of Pennsylvania,
 1989-1990

Bar & Court Admissions

New York

District of Columbia

Pennsylvania

Evan T. Barr

Evan T. Barr is a partner in the New York office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP where he concentrates in white-collar criminal defense and complex regulatory matters.

A former federal prosecutor, Mr. Barr has represented individuals and companies in high-profile and sensitive investigations and prosecutions conducted by the Department of Justice, various US Attorneys' Offices, the SEC, the Internal Revenue Service, the New York State Attorney General's Office, FINRA, and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. Many of his clients are based outside the United States. Over the course of his 20 year career, he has handled matters involving virtually all aspects of white-collar crime.

Prior to joining the firm in 2005, Mr. Barr was Chief of the Major Crimes Unit at the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York where he supervised approximately 25 prosecutors specializing in a wide array of white-collar crimes. Mr. Barr also served in the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force, Public Corruption Unit, and Asset Forfeiture Unit. During his tenure as a prosecutor, Mr. Barr was lead counsel in 11 trials and briefed and argued numerous cases before the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In addition, he participated in the prosecutions of senior officials at WorldCom and in the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the presidential pardon of Marc Rich.

In 1992, Mr. Barr served as Deputy Special Counsel to the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations "October Surprise" investigation concerning the circumstances surrounding the release of the American hostages held in Iran, and co-authored the committee's final report.

Mr. Barr has extensive experience in the area of asset forfeiture, and has represented numerous clients in matters involving restraining orders, seizure warrants, civil forfeiture complaints, criminal forfeiture, and ancillary proceedings. In addition, both as a prosecutor and as defense counsel, Mr. Barr has successfully litigated a variety of cases involving claims made by foreign governments seeking to recover valuable artworks and antiquities.

Mr. Barr frequently provides legal commentary for a variety of publications including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Crain's New York Business*, the *New York Law Journal*, and *Law 360*.

Mr. Barr received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in 1985 from Harvard College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1989. Mr. Barr serves as Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on White-Collar Criminal Litigation.

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Noteworthy

- Listed in *Super Lawyers* New York (2011)
- Department of Justice's John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement in Asset Forfeiture; Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant US Attorney

Representative Matters

Mr. Barr has represented clients in some of the most important white-collar criminal cases over the past several years. Recent matters include:

- Representing the former Chief Administrative Officer of a major department store chain in connection with an accounting fraud investigation by the SEC which concluded, after a Wells Submission, with no charges being filed against our client;
- Representing a former senior executive with a Bermuda-based insurance company in an investigation by the SEC of alleged fraud in connection with the use of finite reinsurance contracts, which concluded with no charges being filed against our client;
- Representing a former New York gubernatorial candidate in a public corruption investigation conducted by the Attorney General's office which concluded with no civil or criminal charges being filed against our client;
- Representing a former wealth manager charged by the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section with violations of the federal campaign finance laws in connection with contributions made during the 2008 presidential election; the case was concluded with a probationary sentence for our client;
- Representing the former president of a NASDAQ 100 company at trial in the Southern District of New York in connection with criminal stock options backdating charges, and on appeal which resulted in a partial reversal of the judgment;
- Representing the former chairman of a publicly-traded financial institution in connection with an investigation relating to online gambling;
- Conducting an internal investigation for a global financial services company regarding the filing of a potentially improper claim made on behalf of one of the bank's proprietary accounts in connection with the settlement of a securities fraud class action;

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- Representing the president of a technology company in connection with federal computer hacking charges filed in the District of Connecticut; the case was resolved with our client receiving a probationary sentence;
- Representing a New York hedge fund manager on insider trading charges filed in connection with the so-called expert networking investigation in the Southern District of New York;
- Representing a New York City Council member and various high-ranking Council employees in connection with a federal investigation into allegations of fraud and misuse of public funds;
- Representing a senior official at a large insurance company in connection with the New York Attorney General's investigation of fraudulent bid-rigging practices;
- Representing a former senior executive with a major financial institution in a federal investigation regarding the valuation of a portfolio of certain mortgage-backed securities;
- Representing a Chinese company in connection with an SEC investigation into the receipt of Ponzi-scheme proceeds;
- Represented a prominent New York auction house in providing advice on enforcement and regulatory issues;
- Represented a private collector in civil litigation regarding an artwork alleged to have been stolen during World War II;
- Represented the president of a well-known art gallery in connection with a sales tax investigation by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office; and
- Representing a private collector in a federal civil forfeiture and letters rogatory case involving an antiquity alleged to have been stolen from a museum in Italy.

Select Seminars & Events

"Current Issues Relating to Trafficking in Stolen Art and Items of Cultural Property," *Brooklyn Law School Art Law Association*, November 17, 2011

"Arts in the Legal Industry," *Rutgers University School of Law Art Law Society*, October 18, 2011

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"Snapshot of Cultural Heritage Law," *New York State Bar Association, Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section*, June 28, 2011

Selected Publications

Bail Pending Appeal in the Second Circuit
April 16, 2012, *New York Law Journal*

Recovering Internal Investigation Costs from Federal Criminal Defendants
September 7, 2011, *New York Law Journal*

Parting Company: Permissive Withdrawal in Criminal Cases
September 22, 2010, *New York Law Journal*

The Bench Trial Option in White-Collar Criminal Cases
January 5, 2010, *New York Law Journal*

No Bright Line In Securities Sentencing Anymore
December 17, 2007, *Securities Law360*

Russell: Prosecuting Defense Counsel for Obstruction
November 21, 2007, *New York Law Journal*

Limiting the Scope of Honest Services Fraud
July 23, 2007, *New York Law Journal*

Evolution of the Antiquities Trade: From Open-Air Bazaar to Buyer Beware
Museum News, November/December 2006

Professional Affiliations

Co-Chair, Committee on White Collar Criminal Litigation, New York State Bar Association

Member, New York Council of Defense Lawyers

Member, Criminal Justice Act Panel, US District Court for the Southern District of New York