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Superior Counsel, Proven Results

After successfully prosecuting high-profile fraud and corruption cases for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eliot Krieger now uses his experience to defend clients against white-collar crimes.

“White-collar crime is not like robbing a bank,” says Eliot Krieger, managing partner at SKT Law. “Being accused or charged with a white-collar crime could be as simple as not paying close enough attention to regulations. Sometimes by pushing the envelope in a heavily regulated industry, you may be unwittingly committing a felony if you misunderstand complex regulations.”

For nearly 20 years, Krieger has defended professionals undergoing criminal investigations in the areas of investment fraud, securities, health care regulation, and real estate, among others. SKT also defends professionals when they are sued in complex civil disputes. Krieger explains, “White-collar criminal cases are similar to complex civil cases. In both, my clients are accused, either by the government or a litigant, of allegedly doing something wrong.”

Krieger represents clients throughout California, and the firm has an international office in Ho Chi Minh City to serve individuals and companies overseas, particularly members of the American-born Vietnamese community relocating to Vietnam, and assist Vietnamese immigrants to the United States.

The international practice group of SKT, led by partner Karl Truong, advises clients on multifaceted business formation, immigration, and tax issues relevant to businesses across Asia. SKT is also heavily involved in the local Vietnamese communities of Southern California in the areas of Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley. SKT has become known as the sought-after firm when a Vietnamese professional is sued or criminally investigated.

Attorneys at SKT are vetted, well-seasoned litigators, each bringing big-firm know-how to a boutique setting to better serve clients during a disruptive, uncertain time. With a Ph.D. in philosophy, Krieger graduated from Harvard Law School, pursuing litigation to make a difference

in the lives of people. As a former Assistant United States Attorney, he offers invaluable insight into the prosecution's approach to case building while forming strong relationships with clients.

Krieger states, “Our clients' lives are turned upside down. I get to know them well, and I want to help. I spend many late nights chatting with them, trying to calm their concerns.”

FORWARD-THINKING STRATEGIES

Krieger advises professionals to retain counsel the moment federal agents start asking questions. This allows for a favorable narrative to be conveyed to the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office. With more than two decades of experience, Krieger can quickly dive into a case and uncover business practices that may appear to violate federal law, unbeknownst to clients. Knowing the pressure clients experience when being sued or brought under investigation, he also helps them avoid investigations or litigation, and commonly consults with and educates clients on proper business practices to avoid appearances of impropriety while addressing problems before they trigger criminal investigation.

For example, Krieger says, “The laws regarding medical payments are complex, with clients unknowingly committing felonies because of pay structures and anti-kickback laws.” Knowing this, he provides oversight that ensures professionals can focus on business without the worry of regulatory violations.

If an investigation does occur, Krieger has a great track record of often getting cases closed even before clients are charged.

“Ending the investigation or getting the government to return money wrongfully seized is incredibly satisfying,” he says. “I will stop at nothing to obtain the best possible result.”



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