



After two decades prosecuting white collar crimes in federal courts throughout the country, Eric Beste now represents businesses and individuals facing domestic and international investigations and enforcement actions. A seasoned trial lawyer with a natural aptitude for advocacy, Eric takes each client's story and turns it into a compelling narrative to achieve the best possible result.

Eric focuses his practice on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations and compliance matters, and complex business litigation. Leveraging his proven track record of supervising and litigating high-profile matters as a federal prosecutor, he provides experienced counsel to clients seeking to mitigate the risks inherent in the modern business world. Among the litigation matters in which Eric can provide the most value are those involving securities fraud, corporate malfeasance, domestic and foreign corruption, tax crimes, defense procurement fraud, government contracting offenses, Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering violations, financial institution crimes, and healthcare fraud.

Over the course of his career with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Eric fostered collaborative relationships with law enforcement officials, fellow prosecutors, and senior officials in the United States and abroad, which allowed him to navigate difficult challenges and devise effective solutions. Through his extensive network, Eric has gathered distinct insights into the personnel and strategies employed by agencies tasked with investigating fraud, corruption and other white collar crimes.

Eric developed a breadth of litigation experience at the DOJ's Criminal Division, Fraud Section, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California. He prosecuted over a dozen senior executives at publicly traded companies and secured numerous insider trading convictions, giving him a behind-the-scenes look into the investigation of securities fraud by the DOJ and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). He investigated and prosecuted violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), including allegations of corporations and individuals making corrupt payments in Africa, China and Europe. In addition, he secured healthcare fraud convictions in Virginia,

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EDUCATION

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, (J.D.), magna cum laude, note and comment editor for Northwestern University Law Review, Order of the Coif, 1994

University of Pennsylvania, (B.A.), psychology, cum laude, 1991, College of Arts and Sciences

Oxford University, visiting student in philosophy and psychology, 1989, Hertford College

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

Illinois

Maryland

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

tried bank fraud defendants in Alabama, and prosecuted racketeering cases in Washington, D.C., and San Diego, California. Beyond honing his trial skills, this work provided Eric with invaluable insight into DOJ's practices, policies, and decision-making in some of its most significant white-collar prosecutions.

As a supervisor in one of the busiest federal districts in the country, Eric oversaw hundreds of cases, many involving nationally significant prosecutions. Among them were the district's largest securities fraud case, a groundbreaking healthcare fraud kickback prosecution, the U.S. Navy's most significant public corruption cases, the largest foreign national campaign finance fraud case, and a pioneering Bank Secrecy Act prosecution that resulted in the largest forfeiture in the district's history. He was also selected to supervise high-profile matters in other districts, including the most significant public corruption investigation in the State of Hawaii. Supervising such high-profile matters required extensive collaboration with senior officials at the DOJ and their law enforcement partners, including the FBI, IRS, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), SEC, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), and various Inspectors General. While serving in the Southern District of California, Eric was responsible for devising strategies to combat financial frauds and ensure coordination among various federal agencies.

Throughout his professional life, Eric has developed a distinctive strength in creating and molding teams that can lead clients through even the thorniest of challenges. He excels at selecting and leading the right practitioners in the right roles, which allows him and his teams to provide the best representation possible.

Professional and Community Involvement

Member, San Diego Rotary (Club 33)

Board of Governors, editor of The ABTL Report, Association of Business Trial Lawyers of San Diego

Member, Federal Bar Association of San Diego

Member, American Bar Association

Alumni interviewer, alumni awards committee, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Alumni interviewer, University of Pennsylvania

Former adjunct professor, University of San Diego School of Law

Honors

Daily Journal, Top White Collar Lawyers, 2023

SD500, Most Influential San Diegans, San Diego Business Journal, 2023

The Best Lawyers in America, 2024

Top 100 Leaders in Law, San Diego Business Journal, 2022-2023

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Appeals and Critical Motions

Compliance and Monitorships

Consumer Class Action Defense

Environmental Crimes and Investigations

Financial and Regulatory Litigation

Greater China and South East Asia

Intellectual Property

Litigation

White Collar and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Fraud and Abuse Compliance and Defense

Healthcare

Telecommunications

