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Scott Wilson advises clients in government investigations, white collar criminal matters and high-stakes litigation, often with an international component.

Companies, boards and senior executives rely on Scott to handle sensitive and multi-dimensional matters involving the government, the courts and the media. He has represented some of the most successful multinational companies in the world in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), sanctions and other white collar and regulatory matters. In addition to his government-facing practice, Scott represents clients in complex business disputes in federal and state courts and domestic and international arbitration. Scott's clients have included leading US and foreign companies in the consumer goods, sports, banking, asset management, technology and real estate industries.

Scott previously served as Senior Advisor and Special Counsel to the New York Attorney General (NYAG). As a member of the NYAG's executive staff, Scott helped oversee a wide range of civil and criminal investigations, negotiated high-profile settlements and served as a liaison to other state and federal agencies in connection with the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Working Group co-chaired by the NYAG. In the courtroom, Scott served as trial counsel and argued appeals in enforcement proceedings brought under New York's anti-fraud, consumer protection and not-for-profit corporate governance laws.

Scott speaks frequently about white collar issues and has lectured on government investigations and sports corruption at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland, the ABA National Institute on White Collar Crime and Columbia Law School.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French

EXPERIENCE

Representative engagements include:

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance

RELATED SECTORS

- Financial Services
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Insurance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English French

- A Fortune 100 company in a DOJ investigation relating to foreign commercial bribery and related internal investigation in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, South America, and the US
- NIKE, Inc. in connection with a DOJ investigation into corruption in NCAA basketball
- A Bay Area technology and life sciences company in an investigation by the NYAG relating to customer data privacy
- A major US bank in an investigation by the NYAG relating to reverse mortgage servicing
- An offshore bank in an investigation by OFAC concerning compliance with the Venezuela-related sanctions program
- A Fortune 100 company in connection with an NYAG antitrust investigation relating to geographic restrictions in real estate leases
- Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO) and Allianz Asset Management of America in employment litigation filed by former PIMCO CIO William H. Gross in California state court
- A global financial institution in an FCPA investigation by SEC and DOJ and related internal investigation in the UK, Ireland and US
- A large publicly-traded Brazilian consumer goods company in ICC arbitration in São Paulo relating to a share purchase agreement governed by Brazilian law
- The Mayor of Mount Vernon, New York, in a public corruption prosecution in Westchester County and related civil litigation regarding the scope of the NYAG's criminal jurisdiction

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- New York

Prior Experience

Scott served as Senior Advisor and Special Counsel to the New York Attorney General from 2011 to 2013. Following his government service, Scott was appointed by the Illinois Department of Insurance as an outside compliance examiner for insurance companies and reinsurers, in connection with multi-state supervisory colleges.

Recognitions

In 2019, Scott was named to the *Euromoney Legal Media Group* shortlist for its Americas Rising Star Awards for "best in white collar crime."

Education

- J.D., Columbia University
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- *Master*, Global Business Law, Institut d'Études Politique de Paris (Sciences Po) / Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
- A.B., Social Studies, Harvard College
magna cum laude

Courts

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Memberships

Scott serves on the Legal Programs & Events Committee of the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as the Secretary of the Council on Criminal Justice of the New York City Bar Association.

Publications

New York Department of Financial Services calls on financial institutions to consider climate change risk

9 November 2020

Investors increasingly view climate as an area of business risk, and regulators are viewing it as a supervisory risk as well.

Court upholds New York AG's Martin Act authority to investigate virtual currency fraud

14 July 2020

State Attorney General Watch blog

***US v. Napout*: Second Circuit affirms convictions in FIFA foreign corruption case**

24 June 2020

A timely reminder that the risk of investigation and prosecution for foreign commercial bribery is very real and that the FCPA is not the only game in town.

COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy

6 May 2020

These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

New York state courts permit new filings in "non-essential" matters on May 4, 2020

5 May 2020

Latest developments impacting the court systems in New York.

Coronavirus: State Attorneys General take action against alleged price gouging in personal protection equipment sales

21 April 2020

State Attorneys General coast to coast are taking aggressive action.

COVID-19: New York State provides new guidance on essential businesses

13 April 2020

The Guidelines raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for New York businesses.

Coronavirus: US State AGs ramp up efforts to combat price gouging

29 March 2020

Antitrust and Competition: Novel Issues in a Post-Coronavirus World

State Attorneys General throughout the country are vigorously enforcing state unfair trade practice and price gouging statutes against those alleged to be taking advantage of consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jury acquits foreign national in apparent rebuke of DOJ's attempt to police overseas corruption

4 December 2019

The result highlights some significant issues that may, in some cases, limit the ability of the DOJ to prosecute foreign nationals for corruption overseas.

- Co-author, "New York Department of Financial Services calls on financial institutions to consider climate change risk," *Thomson Reuters*, November 13, 2020 (with Jeffrey L. Hare, Jesse Medlong and Dante Alessandri)
- Co-author, "SFO Cooperation Guidance Merits Cautious Welcome: Part 2," *Law360*, October 16, 2019 (with Matt Getz)
- Co-author, "SFO Cooperation Guidance Merits Cautious Welcome: Part 1," *Law360*, October 15, 2019 (with Matt Getz)
- Co-author, "INSIGHT: Lessons on Privilege from Landmark English Ruling," *Bloomberg Law*, Sept. 25, 2018 (with Matt Getz and Prateek Swaika)

Events

Previous

Luxury or necessity? Corporate D&I in a time of crisis: Views from Brazilian General Counsels

23 July 2020 | 2:00 - 3:30 ET

Webinar

NEWS

Scott Wilson joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in New York

2 December 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Scott Wilson has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "The Trials of Michael Avenatti," CNBC, *American Greed*, ep. 187, air date January 18, 2021
 - "New York Trump Investigations Appear to Be at Critical Junctures," *Wall Street Journal*, August 31, 2020
 - "Move watch: Spotlight on Scott Wilson, DLA Piper," *Fivehundred Magazine by The Legal 500*, March 2020
 - "Michael Avenatti convicted on all counts, tried to extort over \$20 million from Nike, jury says," *New York Daily News*,
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February 14, 2020

- "Avenatti trial on slow track as first witness testifies," *AP*, January 31, 2020
- "Avenatti didn't care about ruining teens' lives in Nike case, lawyer says," *New York Post*, January 30, 2020
- "Nike lawyer recalls alleged blackmail by Michael Avenatti as trial starts," *New York Post*, January 29, 2020
- "White-Collar Litigator at Boies Schiller Moves to DLA Piper," *New York Law Journal*, December 2, 2019
- "Ex-Boies Schiller Atty Joins DLA Piper's New York Office," *Law360*, December 2, 2019
- "Avenatti vs. Nike: The Showdown That Ensnared a Celebrity Lawyer," *Wall Street Journal*, March 31, 2019
- "New Trump Foundation Probe Might Complicate New York Civil Lawsuit," *Bloomberg News*, July 19, 2018
- "Tax Probe of Trump Foundation Faces High Bar for Criminal Charges, Experts Say," *Wall Street Journal*, July 19, 2018
- "What's Next for Blue State AGs as SCOTUS Gains New Conservative?" *New York Law Journal*, July 11, 2018
- "The Morning Risk Report: New Panama Papers Provide 'Cornucopia' to Prosecutors," *Wall Street Journal*, July 26, 2016