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Karl Buch, national co-chair of DLA Piper's Global Investigations focusing on white collar criminal matters, government and regulatory investigations, and civil litigation.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

Bringing years of experience as a federal prosecutor, in-house lawyer, and law firm partner, Karl represents companies and advises corporate boards in high-stakes investigations and special matters. Clients seek out Karl for his ability to de-risk complex situations and resolve complex disputes with governments and other counterparties including, recently, government-led investigations of Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) fraud. Most immediately, Karl joined DLA Piper from Pfizer, where he was an Assistant General Counsel in the Government Investigations group. At Pfizer, Karl's responsibilities included managing government and regulatory investigations across the company's global operations. He interacted with prosecutors' offices in the United States and abroad regarding a variety of areas of law, among them the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and tax and environment matters. He also managed numerous civil matters involving claims that the company violated federal and state False Claims Acts and other consumer protection statutes.

Karl has also represented a variety of companies in the healthcare, pharmaceutical, medical device, technology, and industrial sectors. He has directed many internal and government-facing investigations on behalf of his clients in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East, bringing these to successful closure. In particular, he has conducted numerous investigations involving allegations of corruption and bribery in more than a dozen cities throughout China. He also regularly advises on potential violations of the FCPA, the False Claims Act and the Anti-Kickback Statute.

Earlier in his career, Karl was as Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, Criminal Division. As a federal prosecutor, Karl was a member of the Office's Securities and Health Care Fraud Unit, where he prosecuted individuals and corporations for criminal violations of federal healthcare, securities, bank and tax laws. In 2007, he was awarded the FBI Director's Award.

Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Clerk Experience

Karl clerked for Judge John E. Sprizzo, US District Judge of the US District Court for the Southern District of New York from 1998-2000.

Recognitions

- *Chambers Global*
 - Band 5, USA FCPA (2022)
- *Chambers USA*
 - Band 5, USA FCPA (2021-2022)
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended, Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense (2019-2022)

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Education

- J.D., Rutgers University School of Law
- B.A., Rutgers University

INSIGHTS

Publications

Second Circuit upholds Hoskins acquittal

15 August 2022

This decision provides an important check on the DOJ in cases premised on an agency theory.

Being extorted? DOJ issues new FCPA guidance on the duress defense – but questions remain

17 February 2022

Considerations for companies operating in high-risk environments.

US Strategy on Countering Corruption and recent FinCEN announcements expand AML reporting obligations to new actors and transactions: key takeaways for professionals and service providers

20 January 2022

The Strategy intends to implement heightened reporting obligations and penalties for professionals and service providers who serve as gatekeepers to the US financial system.

White House issues first ever Strategy on Countering Corruption: Key highlights

6 December 2021

Under this comprehensive approach, the US government will organize efforts around five interrelated pillars.

Deputy AG announces changes to DOJ corporate criminal enforcement policy

4 November 2021

These initiatives may well have significant effects on how companies protect themselves from and during a criminal investigation.

President Biden's Anti-Corruption Memo – key highlights

8 June 2021

The memo directs government agencies, through an inter-agency review process, to develop an anti-corruption strategy in the next 200 days.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 – an Americas perspective

11 February 2021

The Americas maintained its average score of 43 for the fifth consecutive year. As one of the regions most affected by COVID-19, the Americas have faced many challenges to address and overcome the effects of the ongoing pandemic.

- US Strategy on Countering Corruption and recent FinCEN announcements expand AML reporting obligations to new actors and transactions: key takeaways for professionals and service providers, 20 January 2022
- White House issues first ever Strategy on Countering Corruption: Key highlights, 6 December 2021
- Deputy AG announces changes to DOJ corporate criminal enforcement policy, 4 November 2021
- President Biden's Anti-Corruption Memo – key highlights, 8 June 2021
- Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 – an Americas perspective, 11 February 2021
- *US v. Hoskins*: in setback for DOJ, court grants post-trial motion for acquittal on all FCPA counts, 27 February 2020