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Jon King's primary focus is on white collar crime, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and related issues involving corporate compliance and internal investigations. Jon co-chairs DLA Piper's Global Investigations practice, ranked among the top 30 global investigations practices by *Global Investigations Review* (GIR). He previously co-chaired DLA Piper's White Collar, Corporate Crime and Investigations practice.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Corporate and Securities Litigation
- White Collar and Corporate Crime

Over the course of the nearly two decades since he left service as a federal prosecutor, Jon has directed and conducted numerous cross-border investigations of FCPA and other anti-corruption and fraud issues in a wide variety of sectors, among them energy, industrials, and life sciences, in locations all across the globe. He is a well-known FCPA and white collar practitioner who is Chambers-ranked and has been recognized for his investigations work by GIR's Who's Who Legal, which describes Jon as "a go-to practitioner for sophisticated investigations work, with impressive knowledge in high-stakes regulatory enforcement actions and corporate compliance."

Jon has negotiated and obtained no-action decisions from US law enforcement authorities and has negotiated global resolutions of anti-corruption matters with law enforcement authorities outside the US. He also assists his clients with a wide variety of other FCPA and other anti-corruption related issues, including the development of effective compliance programs, due diligence issues and general FCPA advice.

In addition to his work on FCPA and global anti-corruption issues, Jon has conducted numerous corporate internal investigations on behalf of corporations and other entities, as well as corporate boards of directors and audit committees. Jon serves as counsel to individuals and businesses on numerous white collar matters involving domestic public corruption, corporate fraud and abuse, criminal antitrust, securities fraud, including insider trading and accounting irregularities, criminal tax and other regulatory and compliance matters, including trade controls, insurance and financial services-related issues. Jon regularly represents both individuals and businesses in connection with grand jury investigations conducted by the US Department of Justice, investigations and enforcement actions brought by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, and investigations and prosecutions brought by other state and federal agencies.

Jon also represents clients in False Claims Act (FCA) and related investigations and matters. His experience includes obtaining the dismissal of an FCA matter pending in a US district court, as well as the successful negotiation of another such matter to a non-FCA resolution. He has also been appointed to serve as both a Chapter 11 and a Chapter 7 Trustee in a significant bankruptcy matter involving allegations of fraud.

Before joining DLA Piper in 2002, Jon served for more than eight years as an Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago, and for more than four years as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County, Illinois, where he tried a wide variety of criminal matters on behalf of the government. In 1997, Jon was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service by then Attorney General Janet Reno.

EXPERIENCE

Jon's extensive trial experience includes serving as lead counsel for the government in *United States v. Genova, et al.*, in which three former Calumet City, Illinois public officials, including then-sitting Mayor Jerry Genova, were convicted of racketeering, theft, fraud and other offenses after a four-week trial. Prior to the indictment of Genova and his co-defendants, Jon directed the extensive investigation by the Justice Department and FBI that ultimately led to their convictions.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper in 2002, Jon served for more than eight years as an Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago and for nearly four years as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Before embarking on his career as a government lawyer, Jon was in private practice.

Before leaving the US Attorney's Office, Jon's most recent work on behalf of the government involved the investigation and prosecution of high-profile public corruption cases. At the time Jon left the Office, he was assigned to the Public Corruption Section, where he was fully devoted to the prosecution of such cases.

Before serving in the Public Corruption Section, Jon was assigned to the Special Prosecutions Section. There, in addition to handling corruption cases, he was also responsible for the investigation and prosecution of complex financial crimes involving fraud and other white-collar offenses. In this capacity, Jon conducted investigations involving frauds and thefts, including Ponzi schemes, commercial kickbacks and tax and bankruptcy frauds. For example, Jon directed an FBI investigation into the conduct of several employees of a major manufacturer of medical devices, who created and carried out a scheme to steal devices from their employer and local hospitals and then to sell these devices, for millions of dollars, in a diversionary market.

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*
2021 - Band 3, Illinois Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- *The Legal 500 United States*
2021 - Recommended, Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense
2018-20 - Recommended, Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense
2017 - Recommended, White-Collar Criminal Defense

Martindale-Hubbell rated Jon AV, its highest rating, a measure of peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability. He has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer, as the result of research projects conducted jointly by *Law & Politics* and *Chicago* magazines.

In June 1997, United States Attorney General Janet Reno awarded him the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service.

Education

- J.D., Northwestern University 1989
cum laude
- B.A., The University of Chicago 1986

with honors

Teaching Experience

Jon has served as head coach of the National Trial Advocacy Team at Northwestern University School of Law.

Jon served as an instructor at the US Department of Justice National Advocacy Center for seminars on evidence and complex narcotics cases. He has also served as an adjunct professor of trial advocacy.

INSIGHTS

Publications

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.

- DOJ and SEC issue long-awaited guidance for companies on the FCPA, *FCPA Alert*, 15 Nov 2012

Events

Previous

White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium

5 October 2021

Webinar

- Panelist, "Conducting cross-border investigations," roundtable seminar, Amsterdam, 25 Sept 2014
- Panelist, "Deferred Prosecution Agreements: What's the Big Deal?" A presentation on the new UK DPAs, London, 4 Mar 2014
- Panelist, "Updates in Securities Litigation and Enforcement" Northwestern University Law School's 34th Annual Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate and Securities Law Institute, Chicago, 2 May 2014
- Panelist, Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics Midwest Regional Compliance & Ethics Conference, presenter on global anti-corruption issues, 25 Apr 2014
- Speaker, "FCPA in the Security Area" Security Law Issues in the Age of Global Business Seminar, Chicago Bar Association, 14 Mar 2012
- Panelist, "The sun never sets on your compliance risks: doing business globally in an unprecedented era of international anti-corruption enforcement," a seminar with Senator George Mitchell, featuring a panel of anti-corruption counsel from the UK, US, continental Europe and Asia, 9-10 May 2012
- Panelist, "Counting the Cost," Association of Corporate Counsel, 20 Jul 2011
- Panelist, "FCPA Compliance, Litigation, Trends and Enforcement" Law Bulletin's White Collar Crime & Corporate Governance Conference, Chicago, 11 Feb 2010