

PRACTICE

White Collar, Government Investigations & Regulatory Compliance

Representing major corporations, officers, board members and executives, as well as municipalities and public agencies, Benesch’s White Collar, Government Investigations & Regulatory Compliance Practice Group has repeatedly prevailed for clients in regulatory investigations and high-stakes white-collar cases.

The team includes former federal and state prosecutors, former members of public defender and attorneys general offices, experienced trial and appellate lawyers, investigators, healthcare regulators, and securities and compliance-focused lawyers.

Insider’s Perspective

Many of our attorneys have worked within the very same agencies investigating and enforcing actions against our clients, giving us insight into how regulators think and build cases.

Precedent-Setting Experience

Our team includes an attorney who served as trial counsel for Pacific Gas & Electric Company in the first-ever prosecution under the Federal Pipeline Safety Act and an attorney who was part of Harvey Weinstein’s legal team.

Discretion

We are known for our discretion. With a high number of confidential matters, we prioritize resolving issues quietly and efficiently. We focus on early intervention and risk avoidance, ensuring the best work we do is often unseen.

Government Agencies

We regularly defend cases brought by government agencies, including:

State & Local

- Regulatory agencies
- Boards
- Organizations
- State attorneys general

Federal

- DOJ
- SEC
- CFPB
- CFTC
- DEA
- ATF
- FTC
- DOD
- DHS

Numbers & Recognition

25

Dedicated attorneys

50+

Cases tried

to jury verdicts, often winning impossible verdicts

Highly Recommended Firm

by Benchmark Litigation



Ranked

Nationally in Litigation by Best Law Firms®



Recognized

by Chambers



Recognized

by 2026 BTI Litigation Outlook Report



Representative Matters

- ▶ Represented a professional basketball player accused of conspiracy and wire fraud for allegedly attempting to avoid paying child support and taxes for several years. The government claimed that the pro athlete “unlawfully, voluntarily, intentionally and knowingly” conspired to defraud the U.S. by falsely underreporting his income and sought prison time for the athlete. Benesch defended the athlete, securing a probationary period and avoiding prison time for the client.
- ▶ Represented individual unit owners in obtaining a temporary restraining order (TRO) and successfully mediated a dispute involving the fiduciary duty of the condominium building’s board of directors.
- ▶ Represented equity ownership in a self-disclosure to the Office of Inspector General regarding the submission of claims to the government in violation of regulatory standards.
- ▶ Defended a podiatrist and related company accused of committing over \$70 million in Medicare fraud by creating and implementing a computerized medical records system that automatically qualified all medical treatments for Medicare coverage.*
- ▶ Represented a global jewelry retailer in the review and assessment of its anti-money laundering compliance program.*
- ▶ Currently defending a private nursing home and its owner in an expedited special proceeding and appeal brought by the New York Attorney General, which seeks \$40 million in fines and penalties and unprecedented injunctive relief for alleged violations of Executive Law § 63(12).
- ▶ Successfully tried a criminal insider trading case in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. After extensive briefing, the court granted Rule 29 and Rule 33 acquittals in an oral ruling.
- ▶ Represented a consumer products company in an internal investigation regarding allegations of racial bias and a hostile work environment involving a human resources manager. Benesch reviewed all internal communications, interviewed company personnel, and provided a detailed investigative report with factual findings and proposed remedial actions.
- ▶ Represented a multinational, publicly traded energy company in anti-corruption risk assessment and revision to FCPA and related anti-corruption policies, procedures and controls.*
- ▶ Conducted an internal investigation on behalf of a financial institution relating to alleged kickbacks paid to politicians and public officials in connection with the sale of securities to public pension funds.*
- ▶ Represented a member of the leadership team at a public Big 10 state university in a dispute involving allegations that the dean of the business school was improperly removed from his position after failing to report allegations of staff improper behavior in violation of Title IX. The parties reached a settlement favorable to our client.
- ▶ Represented the board of directors in one of the largest RICO investigations in U.S. history in the energy sector, resulting in a deferred prosecution agreement with the government.
- ▶ Managed an internal investigation to evaluate the potential need for self-disclosure and evaluate potential False Claims Act liability.
- ▶ Represented a pharmaceutical sales representative in a large DOJ and HHS investigation into a kickback scheme initiated by a *qui tam* relator.
- ▶ Represented the owner of a pharmaceutical company facing criminal charges alleging improper distribution of prescription drugs and related conspiracy charges related to allegations of improper wholesale distribution.
- ▶ Obtained a restraining order preventing the FDA from blocking the importation of electronic cigarettes; ruling upheld on appeal.*

**These matters were completed prior to the attorney joining Benesch.*