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William Michael, Jr.

Partner

Partner in the Trial group and co-Chair of the White Collar Crime and Civil Fraud practice group. With more than 100 jury trials, Bill is an experienced trial attorney focusing in the areas of white collar and regulatory defense, civil and criminal health care fraud and complex internal investigations. He represents both individuals and corporations in these matters, including:

- +† Criminal Antitrust
- +† Health Care
- +† Securities Fraud
- +† Sarbanes-Oxley and SEC Compliance
- +† Tax
- +† Qui Tams
- +† Money Laundering
- +† Conspiracy
- +† Environmental

Bill speaks nationwide in areas of health care fraud, financial investigations and internal investigations. He also teaches attorneys, investigators and executives on the proper techniques to use in handling various criminal and regulatory matters, and has served as a frequent media commentator on a variety of issues, including those related to terrorism, internal investigations and complex federal investigations.

Prior Experience

Following his service as a member of the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and as a judge advocate, Bill served for 10 years as a federal prosecutor in both the Southern District of Florida and the District of Minnesota.

Admissions

- +† Minnesota
- +† Florida
- +† U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- +† U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- +† U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- +† U.S. Army Court of Military Review
- +† U.S. Court of Military Appeals

Honors

- +† Named a "Super Lawyer" by *Minnesota Journal of Law & Politics*, 2006-2009

- ✦ Top 40 Criminal Defense Attorneys, *Who's Who in Criminal Defense*, 2007-2009
- ✦ Department of Justice Director's Award for Outstanding Performance, 1996
- ✦ Minnesota State Bar Association, Elmer H. Walshauer Author's Award

Education

- ✦ Nova University School of Law
J.D., 1985
- ✦ Gustavus Adolphus College
1982

Professional Activities

- ✦ American Bar Association
- ✦ Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Personal Interests

- ✦ Ultra-marathons and multi-day endurance events

Presentations

- ✦ "Corporate Investigations: A Balancing Act of Various Risks," Hartford, CT (2010)
- ✦ "FCPA: Is Your FCPA Compliance Program Aligned with Your Company's Risks?," Dorsey & Whitney (2010)
- ✦ "Justice for Whom? The Untold Story of the Devastating Collateral Impacts of a Federal Criminal Prosecution Even if Acquitted," St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN (2010)
- ✦ "Hard-Core Violations: The Criminal Investigation/Prosecution Process and Civil Consequences," MSBA Antitrust Section, Minneapolis, MN (2010)
- ✦ "Trial Advocacy," St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN (2010)
- ✦ "Developments in Attorney Work Product Doctrine after Textron," MSBA Health Law Section, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "Lawyers, Guns and Money: Current Status of Global and Domestic Corporate Fraud Investigations," Dorsey & Whitney Corporate Counsel Symposium XX, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "Attorney Client Privilege: The Bane of In-house Counsel," UnitedHealth Group, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "The Russian Roulette of Talking (and other 5th Amendment Considerations)," Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "Friend or Foe? The Defense Attorney's Role in Health Care Fraud Investigations," NHCAA, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "Government Investigations: The Russian Roulette of Health Care," UnitedHealth Group, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "Ins and Outs of Government Investigations," Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "Crisis Management – Management Both Prior to and During the Crisis," Thompson Creek Metals Company, Idaho (2009)
- ✦ "Trial Advocacy, Parts 1 and 2," Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, MN (2009)
- ✦ "United States Sentencing Guidelines," University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN (2008)
- ✦ "Crisis Management – A necessary skill-set for corporate executives today," Thompson Creek Metals Company, Idaho (2008)
- ✦ "Crisis Management – A skill set that every General Counsel must understand," Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, MN (2008)

- ✦ "Don't Let a Disaster Become a Catastrophe – Crisis Management Prior to the Crisis," Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Colorado (2008)
- ✦ "Internal Investigations," UnitedHealth Group, Minneapolis, MN (2007)
- ✦ "Factual Investigations," Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Chicago, IL (2007)
- ✦ "Best Practices in Corporate Leadership and Ethics," Bristol Myers Squibb (2007)
- ✦ "Democracy in an Age of Terror," OLLI, University of Minnesota (2007)
- ✦ "Chiropractic Fraud: Detection, Investigation and Prosecution," NHCCA, York, PA (2006)
- ✦ "The Defense Perspective on Winning Health Care Fraud Cases," NHCCA, San Diego, CA (2005)
- ✦ "Dealing with the Media in Crisis Situations - Tips and Strategies for Health Care Entities," MSBA - Health Law Section, Minneapolis, MN (2005)
- ✦ "Ten Top Things to Remember in the World of Compliance," HCCA, Minneapolis, MN (2005)
- ✦ "The Prosecution of Unethical Corporate Cultures," The Turnaround Management Assn. (TMA), Minneapolis, MN (2005)
- ✦ "Directors and Officers Coverage: Potentials and Pitfalls," Association of Corporate Counsel, Webcast Presentation (2005)
- ✦ "Secrecy and Transparency," Professional Education Group, Inc., Kansas City, MO (2005)
- ✦ "Ethics and Bias for Business Lawyers," Hennepin County Bar Assn., Minneapolis, MN (2005)
- ✦ "Secrecy and Transparency," Professional Education Group, Inc., St. Louis, MO (2005)
- ✦ "Overcoming Common Legal Defenses," Ohio Insurance - Health Care Fraud Seminar, Columbus, OH (2005)
- ✦ "Management & Director Liability for Producer Controlled Entities," Agricultural and Rural Law Institute, MSBA, Chanhassen, MN (2005)
- ✦ "Secrecy and Transparency," Professional Education Group, Inc., New Jersey (2005)
- ✦ "The Government's Attempt to Change the Corporate Dress-Code from Pinstripes to Jail Stripes," Association of Corporate Counsel, Webcast Presentation (2005)
- ✦ "Government Investigations - What to Do When the Federal Government Targets Your Client's Company," Clarion Legal, Minneapolis, MN (2004)
- ✦ "Health Care Providers in the Media Spotlight - the Legal and Practical Implications," MSBA, St. Cloud, MN (2004)
- ✦ "Overcoming Common Legal Defenses," NHCCA, Las Vegas, NV (2004)
- ✦ "Secrecy and Transparency: The Yin and Yang of Corporate Law," Professional Education Group, Inc., Cary & Charlotte, NC (2004)
- ✦ "Ethics in a Case: Beginning to End," Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Minneapolis, MN (2004)
- ✦ "The Ethical and Practical Challenges of Representing Clients Under Investigation for Fraudulent or Criminal Activity" (2004)
- ✦ "The Keys to an Effective Internal Compliance Investigation," Allina Health System (2004)

Attorney Articles

- ✦ ["Extraterritorial Enforcement of US Laws"](#) (by Lisa Osofsky, William Michael Jr. and Heather McCann), [The Anti-Fraud Network](#), June 2010

- ✦ "Ponzi Schemes: A Primer on the Regent Surge in Fraudulent Schemes" (by Heather McCann and William Michael Jr.), *Dorsey & Whitney White Collar Crime Newsletter*, Spring 2010
- ✦ "Honest Services at Risk" (by Lola Velazquez-Aguilu and William Michael Jr.), *Dorsey & Whitney White Collar Crime Newsletter*, Spring 2010
- ✦ "Handling the Major Disaster: A Defense Lawyers' Perspective," *Fifty-Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute*, 2008
- ✦ "Responding to Allegations of Corporate Misconduct," *Thompson West's Andrews Litigation Reporter*, June 23, 2008
- ✦ "The High Price of Leniency for Stolt-Nielsen" (by Ed Magarian, William Michael Jr., Michael Lindsay and James Nichols), *Competition Law 360*, May 11, 2008
- ✦ "To Cooperate or Not: The Corporate Leniency Program After Stolt-Nielsen" (by Michael Lindsay, Ed Magarian, William Michael Jr., and James Nichols), *The Antitrust Source*, February 2008
- ✦ "Investigating Corporate Misconduct," *Minnesota Lawyer*, December 10, 2007
- ✦ "Corporations Face a Hobson's Choice on Privilege Waivers," *In-House Counsel supplement to Minnesota Lawyer*, March 12, 2007
- ✦ "A Privilege in Jeopardy," *Minnesota Lawyer*, March 2007
- ✦ "Internal Investigations," *Association of Corporate Counsel*, 2004
- ✦ "Responding to Governmental Investigations," *American Corporate Counsel*, 2004
- ✦ "Trying Terrorists Before Military Commissions," *Minnesota Bench & Bar*, February 2002
- ✦ "A Window on Terrorism: The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act," *Minnesota Bench & Bar*, November 2001