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EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

VINSON & ELKINS, LLP; WASHINGTON, D.C.

Partner, Litigation Group

October 2018-Present

Represent and counsel business clients, with a particular focus on federal criminal and civil enforcement investigations, federal court litigation, federal regulatory compliance counseling in areas such as, environmental regulation, FCPA public contracting, and administrative law and litigation.

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS, LLP; WASHINGTON, D.C.

Partner, Litigation Group

2009-2018

Represent and counsel business clients, with a particular focus on federal criminal and civil enforcement investigations, federal court litigation, federal regulatory compliance counseling in areas such as FCPA, environmental regulation, public contracting, and administrative law and litigation (challenges to the legality of federal regulatory requirements). Recent representative disclosable (public) specific matters or general areas of practice (clients and matters not disclosable) include:

Additional duties have included business and strategic planning for the litigation, appellate, environmental, government relations and white collar practices, chairing the environmental practice group, chairing the Washington, D.C. office *pro bono* committee and new attorney recruiting.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1997-2009

Assistant Attorney General/Acting AAG, Environment and Natural Resources Division

2007-2009

Senate-confirmed (unanimous Senate vote) Presidential appointee overseeing a 700-employee litigating Division, including 400 attorneys, with an operating budget in excess of \$150 million annually and a case load of approximately 7,000 matters. The Division conducted both civil and criminal litigation arising under more than 150 federal laws. Division cases included civil and criminal enforcement cases for violating statutes protecting air, water, human health, and endangered species. The Division's work also included defending, at both the trial and appellate levels, regulations promulgated by environmental regulators, such as those setting industry pollution limits and associated requirements. The Division also defended federal agency actions in lawsuits brought against the government and in which it was claimed the federal government was itself violating environmental laws. The Division's major client agencies within the federal government included the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Interior and Transportation. As Assistant Attorney General, I was the Division's senior-most official and oversaw all aspects of the Division's work, including approving all major criminal indictments, civil complaints and settlements. During my tenure, I personally reviewed and approved in excess of 200 federal appellate briefs and personally argued appellate matters of special significance.

In addition to overseeing the Division's litigation, I supervised budget, contracting, human resources and IT functions that supported the Division's litigation and policy activities. I advised Cabinet and White House officials on legal compliance, proposed legislation and regulatory reform. In an Office of Personnel Management survey conducted near my tenure's conclusion, employees rated the Division the federal government's best place to work and my senior management team received the highest ranking government-wide. I received the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Justice Department's highest service honor, and the Secretary of the Navy's Distinguished Service Award, the Navy's highest civilian recognition.

Associate Deputy Attorney General

2005-2007

Lead the Office of Deputy Attorney General's four member litigation oversight team. Responsibilities included supervising specific components within the Justice Department such as the Criminal Division and Environment Division, reviewing policies and legislation affecting the Justice Department, reviewing particular litigation matters requiring oversight, testifying before Congress on legislative proposals, preparing responses to Congressional oversight inquiries, representing the Department in the Executive Branch inter-agency policy process, representing the Department before external audiences such as bar and business organizations, and responding to instances where government agencies or data bases were compromised, raising risks of identity theft. Specific special assignments included:

- serving as Executive Director of the President's Identity Theft Task Force (composed of 17 executive branch agen-

cies) responsible for making recommendations regarding improving privacy protections in public agencies, responding to privacy breaches, and investigating and punishing identity theft;

- chairing the Department's health care fraud coordinating committee;
- serving as the Department's *ex officio* representative on the Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Standing Committee on Federal Rules; and
- serving as the Department's witness before Congressional committees at hearings related to insider trading enforcement, health care fraud enforcement, and identity theft legislation.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

United States Attorney

2003-2005

Senate-confirmed (unanimous Senate vote) Presidentially-appointed chief federal law enforcement officer for a 38 county area. Led an office of 60 employees (approximately 35 attorneys, plus support staff). Regular duties included convening various federal and local law enforcement agency working groups, reviewing and approving specific criminal charges, criminal plea agreements, civil complaints and settlements, insuring the office executed on, Department of Justice priority programs and initiatives, managing office personnel and budgetary matters, conducting press conferences regarding major developments and speaking before local citizen and community organizations. Matters prosecuted under my direction included:

- corporate health care fraud prosecution for improper billings to federal government programs, resolved with a criminal guilty plea and \$50 million fine;
- prosecution for vote-buying in the 2004 U.S. election, resulting in nine East St. Louis political leaders being convicted; and
- prosecution of a professional hockey player who engaged in a murder-for-hire plot to kill his sports agent.

I was one of approximately twenty United States Attorneys (of 93 serving nationally) selected to serve on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys ("AGAC"), including serving as vice-chair of the AGAC's Sentencing Guidelines Subcommittee and a member of the White Collar Crime Committee. In that role, I was responsible for meeting regularly with the Attorney General and other senior officials regarding recommendations for improved Department operations, criminal prosecution priorities and other similar policy matters.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Branch Chief/Deputy Criminal Chief, Assistant United States Attorney

2001-2003

Supervised 15 federal prosecutors and 11 support staff in the Greenbelt branch office who investigated and prosecuted federal crimes occurring in five Maryland counties in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Represented the office with judges, federal investigative agencies, local prosecutors and law enforcement agencies. Prosecuted criminal cases, including matters relating to public corruption, violent crime, firearms violations, narcotics, white-collar fraud, and money laundering. In my six-and-a-half years as an AUSA in Maryland and Florida (see below), I tried numerous cases to a jury and argued multiple appeals before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. I directly handled and supervised several hundred investigations.

Assistant United States Attorney

1999-2001

Conducted the investigation, indictment, trial, and appellate litigation of a variety of federal crimes, including public corruption, violent crime, firearms violations, narcotics, white-collar fraud, and money laundering.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Assistant United States Attorney, Major Crimes Section

1997-1999

Conducted the investigation, indictment and trial of various federal crimes, including violent crime, narcotics and firearms possession and distribution, immigration and credit card fraud, and child pornography offenses.

CARLTON FIELDS LAW FIRM

Associate

1993-1997

Specialized in business litigation, including public utility rate-making, antitrust, and appellate matters. Senior associate on multi-year business dispute between Florida's second largest electric utility and various wholesale electricity suppliers on breach of contract and antitrust claims exceeding \$1 billion. *Pro bono* counsel for death row inmate, seeking to reverse sentence.

THE HONORABLE HOWARD HOLTZMANN, IRAN-UNITED STATES CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

Legal Assistant

1992-1993

Law clerk to American judge serving on the international arbitration court resolving claims between the United States government or United States nationals and the Iranian government, stemming from the 1979 rupture in U.S.-Iranian relations.

CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST, UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
Law Clerk

1991-1992

THE HONORABLE LOUIS H. POLLAK, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
Law Clerk

1990-1991

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., 1990

Editor-in-Chief, *Virginia Law Review*, 1989-90

Order of the Coif (top 10% graduating class), Margaret Hyde Commencement Award (law school's highest graduation award), Hardy Cross Dillard Scholarship (three year academic scholarship to pay all tuition and costs)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Balliol College

B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), 1987

Rhodes Scholar

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. (high honors), International Relations, 1985

Phi Beta Kappa, Honors College Member

OTHER

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Washington, D.C. Legal Aid Society, 2011-Present

ABA, Section of Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, Council Member and Chair, Environmental Subcommittee, 2013-2018.

Federal Bar Association, Maryland Chapter, Board of Governors; 2002-03; 2006-2013

National Association of Former United States Attorneys, 2010-Present