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Practices

FOCUS: Litigation

Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement

White Collar and Internal Investigations

Education

JD, Northwestern University School of Law, *cum laude*

BA, University of Illinois, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Illinois

New York

District of Columbia

Court Admissions

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

US District Court, Southern District of New York

Ian Vitalis defends clients facing criminal investigations and regulatory enforcement actions.

Valuable insight from government experience

Ian represents individuals and companies in criminal investigations and regulatory enforcement actions by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and options and futures exchanges. Ian has a broad range of experience in matters involving securities, commodities, and accounting fraud, market manipulation, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and domestic public corruption.

During law school, Ian gained trial experience in the Bluhm Legal Clinic, where he second-chaired a jury trial, representing a client facing felony theft and wire fraud charges brought by the Illinois Attorney General. Ian also interned at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, SEC, CFTC, and FINRA.

Prior to law school, Ian worked as a compliance analyst at a large U.S. bank, where he coordinated preparation for examinations by state and federal regulators, including the Federal Reserve and FDIC

Representative Experience

- Represented the Chief Financial Officer of a public company in a foreign exchange accounting fraud investigation by the SEC.
- Represented the Chairman of the Board of Directors of a public company in parallel market manipulation investigations by the DOJ and CFTC.

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- Represented the head of the internal audit function of a public company in parallel FCPA investigations by the DOJ and SEC.
- Represented employees of a wealth advisory firm in an antitrust investigation by the DOJ concerning an alleged no-poach agreement.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter
 - Award for Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest Service, 2023

News

- Federal Bar Association Lauds Four White Collar Attorneys for Pro Bono Work (May 2, 2023)