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# Spears Manning & Martini LLC

A LITIGATION BOUTIQUE WITH DEPTH AND EXPERIENCE TO SERVE EACH CLIENT'S UNIQUE NEEDS



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## **Our Firm**

- Founded by Brian Spears in 2013
  - Chambers First-Tier Ranking
    - Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations
- Criminal and Civil Litigation Boutique
  - Federal and State Government Investigations
  - Regulatory and Administrative Proceedings
  - Internal Investigations
  - Complex Civil Litigation
  - Federal and State Court Appeals
- We try cases
  - Over 50 trials in federal and state courts in Connecticut, New York and Texas



## What Sets Us Apart?



- Our Partners
- Our Strategy and Approach
- Our Clients
- Our Significant Courtroom Experience
- Our Experience Conducting Internal Investigations
- Our Experience Handling Cutting Edge Cases and Investigations

### OUR PARTNERS

### • All:

- Former Assistant U.S. Attorneys
- Held leadership roles in Government and Private Practice
- Serve on federal and state court committees and CJA panels
- Spears and Martini, individually ranked in Chambers USA
- Spears and Manning, former federal law clerks
- Martini, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers

### OUR STRATEGY AND APPROACH

- Every matter is staffed with experienced, diverse attorneys
  - Associates and counsel include former AUSA, federal law clerk, big firm trained associates
- Litigate every case with eye towards possible trial
- Manage every case in a way that minimizes disruption to our clients and their businesses
- Provide cost-effective solutions tailored to client needs

### OUR CLIENTS

### • Entity Clients

- Major public and private companies
- Technology companies
- Securities firms
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Leading Connecticut universities and hospitals
- Individual Clients
  - Corporate executives
    - CEOs, CFOs, Chief Accounting Officers
  - Professionals
    - Physicians, lawyers, accountants
    - Entrepreneurs, business owners
  - Scientists

### TRIAL EXPERIENCE

- As former Federal Prosecutors
  - Multiple jury trials on behalf of United States
  - Connecticut's first large-scale racketeering case
- In Private Practice
  - Criminal Cases
    - Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA")
    - Insider Trading
    - Health Care and Tax Fraud
    - Fraud in the Defense Industry
  - SEC Enforcement Cases
  - Complex Commercial Disputes

### ADDITIONAL COURTROOM EXPERIENCE

- Experience in a wide variety of proceedings
  - Evidentiary, suppression and sentencing hearings
  - Regulatory and administrative hearings
  - FINRA hearings
  - AAA and JAMS arbitrations
  - Professional grievance hearings
  - Licensing and hospital privileges proceedings
- Adept at state-of-the-art trial presentation software
- Experience with use of mock juries and jury consultants to formulate strategy and hone preparation

### INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

- We are regularly retained by corporations, universities, hospitals and other private and nonprofit entities to conduct internal investigations
- Examples of subject matters:
  - Construction and manufacturing fatalities/accidents
  - Cybersecurity ransomware, data breaches, unlawful computer access
  - Drug diversion
  - Employee fraud, embezzlement and conflicts of interest
  - FCPA
  - Health care billing, coding, self-referral issues
  - Maritime environmental law and accidents
  - Title IX, sexual assault/harassment

# Internal Investigations – Our Capabilities



- Deep, experienced bench with significant investigatory experience as prosecutors and defense lawyers
- Understanding of Department of Justice priorities
- Solid law enforcement relationships
- Forensic, investigatory and crisis management support
- Creative approach to document recovery, review and production
- Tailored, conscientious investigations that minimize disruption

## Long Term Engagement for Pharmaceutical Manufacturer



- Over a two-year period, we performed over 150 internal investigations throughout the United States for a leading pharmaceutical manufacturer
- Investigated allegations of drug diversion, improper prescription practices, identification of "pill mills"
- Provided written recommendations regarding compliance
- Referred culpable individuals to law enforcement, when appropriate

### KEEPING APACE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

- Clients regularly engage us to handle matters involving Department of Justice priorities and areas of significant white-collar enforcement
- Examples:
  - FCPA
  - Antitrust Division Enforcement
  - SEC Enforcement Proceedings
  - Environmental Crimes

# **FCPA Experience**



- Spears, Senior Counsel for investigation of United Nations Oil-for-Food Program
- UN international corruption investigation concerning misuse of funds in North Korea
- Co-counsel for Alstom Power executive in ground-breaking FCPA prosecution
- Internal investigation of U.S. manufacturing company's international sales department
- Representing publicly traded company in connection with Department of Justice investigation

# Antitrust Experience



- Representing individual in "no-poach" antitrust investigation
- Representing construction company in price-fixing/bid-rigging investigation
- Represented shipping company executive in investigation of collusion in the allocation of shipping contracts

# Securities Experience



- Regularly represent individuals in all phases of SEC enforcement proceedings
- Represented doctor at trial and on appeal in criminal insider trading case involving clinical trial
- Represented broker dealer and investment advisory firm at trial in SEC enforcement action
- Represented Chief Accounting Officer of public company in criminal accounting fraud investigation

# **Environmental Experience**



- Decades of experience in environmental enforcement matters
- Spears, head of Environmental Crimes for U.S. Attorney's Office
- Representing client in high-profile state criminal environmental and bribery prosecution
- Represented clients facing environmental enforcement by:
  - Department of Justice/U.S. Attorney's Office
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - State environmental regulators
- Represented maritime clients facing enforcement proceedings by the U.S. Coast Guard

# **Additional Information**

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