

Luke Cass

Partner

Luke Cass is a Partner and leads the Washington, D.C. office's White Collar Crime and Internal Investigations Practice. He defends corporations and individuals in connection with a variety of federal criminal allegations, including health care fraud, conspiracy, mail and wire fraud, embezzlement, bank fraud, and money laundering. He also conducts proactive, internal investigations related to bribery, misbranding, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). As a decorated federal prosecutor for over a decade, Mr. Cass has significant experience with white collar investigations and has litigated federal appellate and district court cases throughout the nation.

Prior to joining Quarles & Brady, Mr. Cass was a Senior Trial Attorney with the Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division where he handled public corruption investigations and prosecutions of elected, appointed, and career government officials. Mr. Cass served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Financial Fraud and Corruption Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico before working at the DOJ in Washington. In addition to Mr. Cass's extensive federal trial experience, he has also briefed and argued numerous appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Mr. Cass clerked in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York prior to serving as a federal prosecutor and is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center where he teaches White Collar Crime and Securities Fraud.

As a result of his experience, Mr. Cass is exceptionally well qualified to counsel clients in nearly every aspect of complex white collar matters involving both the public and private sectors.

Mr. Cass's defense and internal investigations experience includes:

- Representation of an individual charged with wire fraud and RICO offenses in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- Representation of a health care executive charged in a \$125 million health care fraud conspiracy in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- Representation of targets or subjects in grand jury proceedings in United States District Courts in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Texas
- Representation of a pro bono defendant in a criminal appeal involving an issue of first impression by appointment by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit



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- Led corporate investigations on behalf of Fortune 500 and private companies

Mr. Cass's prosecutorial experience includes:

- Trial and conviction of a former senator for wire fraud and embezzlement of federal benefits
- Trial and conviction of a defendant relating to a \$7.5 million Ponzi scheme and money laundering conspiracy
- Trial and conviction of a defendant for obstruction of justice
- Investigation and prosecution of corporate and individual defendants for introducing misbranded drugs in interstate commerce in coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations
- Lead counsel in the first hate crime prosecution in federal court in Puerto Rico that involved cyber threats and numerous investigations relating to cybercrimes and digital forensic evidence
- Investigation and prosecution of one of the largest healthcare fraud schemes in Puerto Rico
- Lead counsel for appeal of an 82-day trial involving a \$10 million disaster fraud and bribery conspiracy

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Education and Honors

- New York Law School (J.D., 2003)
 - Law Review
- Lehigh University (B.A., 2000)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit

Professional and Civic Activities

- Georgetown University Law Center, (Adjunct Professor for White Collar Crime and Securities Fraud)
- American Bar Association, White Collar Crime Committee (Member)
- The Federalist Society (Member)

Professional Recognition

- U.S. Department of Justice, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces, Recipient, Special Outstanding Investigation Award for Innovation & Multi-Agency Solution to Violent Crime in the Florida/Caribbean Region: Operation Stamp Out (2020)
- United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director's Interagency Award Recipient (2018)
- United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General Award Recipient for Fighting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (2018)
- United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Award Recipient for Superior Performance as a Criminal Assistant U.S. Attorney (2014)

Languages

- French
- Spanish