

# Matthew Kutcher

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White Collar Defense and Investigations  
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Securities Litigation + Enforcement  
Corporate Governance and Securities Regulation

Export Controls and Economic Sanctions  
Workplace Investigations  
Congressional Investigations  
Financial Services Enforcement and Regulatory  
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Matthew, a former federal prosecutor, has significant experience handling complex criminal and commercial cases, particularly those involving fraud, corruption and antitrust allegations. As a prosecutor, Matthew was deputy chief of the General Crimes Section with the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, where he investigated, prosecuted and supervised prosecutions of wire, securities and health care fraud, public corruption, gun and narcotics, and human trafficking. Matthew also has 20 years of experience representing corporations, accounting firms and investment banks, as well as their officers, directors and executives in white collar and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) issues, along with European Union and US trade sanctions, export controls, securities fraud, and anti-competition proceedings before the US Department of Justice, US Securities and Exchange Commission, state Attorneys General and other agencies.

Matthew is Chambers-ranked in White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations. He combines his experience as an Assistant US Attorney (AUSA) and as a seasoned defense attorney to guide clients through complex investigations and criminal and civil actions brought in state and federal courts and in arbitration. He has a known track record of resolving high-stakes issues for clients at the investigative stage, often before proceedings are initiated, but is always ready to take a case to trial.

## Representative Experience\*:

- Served as AUSA and deputy chief, prosecuting cases involving public corruption, securities fraud, bank fraud, human trafficking, civil rights, narcotics and violent crimes
- Defended a multinational corporation in multiple investigations alleging corruption, trade sanctions and environmental violations
- Defended global equipment manufacturer in an investigation claiming possible FCPA violations
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in an internal investigation regarding potential whistleblower claims
- Represented a leading energy company regarding FCPA and trade sanctions implications of an acquisition of a foreign company
- Represented a Hong Kong based gaming company and an individual director in a shareholder dispute brought by US investors
- Defended a Chinese company in a securities class action involving the distribution of a popular video game in China

- Represented global accounting firm partners in proceedings brought by the SEC involving auditor independence and complex derivative accounting
- Defended manufacturer in a securities class action related to the company's restatement of financials
- Represented a financial institution against securities claims resulting from the bankruptcy of a global energy company

*\*Representation handled prior to joining Cooley*

## Education

Yale Law School JD, 2001

University of Michigan PhD, 1998

University of Michigan MA, 1995

Northwestern University BA, 1993

## Admissions & Credentials

Illinois

New York

## Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Southern District of New York

US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

## Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations – Illinois (2025)