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Andrew is head of Cooley's white collar defense and investigations group and co-partner in charge of the Washington, DC, office. A highly acclaimed former federal prosecutor, he's known for his role serving as the chief of the public corruption unit at the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where he led numerous high-profile prosecutions. Andrew defends companies and individuals before government agencies and in high-stakes litigation, leads complex and sensitive internal investigations, and has successfully tried significant white collar and regulatory matters.

Recognized by Chambers USA as a top white collar and government investigations lawyer, Andrew draws extensive praise from his peers and clients. Clients describe him as "an incredible thinker" with "killer instincts" and a "strategic mind," and "an extraordinarily effective advocate" who "exudes credibility with judges, clients and counsel based on his dedication to understanding cases from all angles." Andrew routinely represents clients in bet-the-company government investigations by the DOJ, the US Securities and Exchange Commission, state attorneys general, and other regulatory entities in matters involving financial fraud, bribery, false claims, bid-rigging, trade secrets, foreign corrupt practices, money laundering and sanctions violations.

As head of the SDNY public corruption unit, Andrew spearheaded numerous high-profile cases, including:

- The convictions of the former Speaker of the New York State Assembly, a case Andrew personally tried and argued on appeal, and the former Majority Leader of the New York Senate
- Corruption investigations involving the president of the United Nations and top officials at the New York City Police Department, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Rikers Island correctional facility
- Multiple successful prosecutions brought under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, including two of the first FCPA trial convictions in the past decade

Andrew is a visiting professor at the University of Virginia School of Law and has served as a guest lecturer at Yale Law School, Stanford Law School, George Washington University Law School, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Before becoming a lawyer, Andrew was a staff writer at Time magazine. He clerked for US District Judge Sidney H. Stein in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York and US Circuit Judge Chester J. Straub in the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Andrew's recent representative experience includes:

Companies, nonprofits and boards

- A major public company under investigation by SDNY for computer fraud offenses
- A major public technology company facing parallel securities and wire fraud investigations by the SEC and DOJ
- A top educational institution facing a DOJ investigation for government contracting fraud
- A top international nonprofit investigating allegations of fraud, kickbacks and foreign bribery
- An audit committee of a Fortune 500 company investigating misconduct by the CEO and general counsel
- A major public insurance company investigating allegations of C-suite misconduct
- A large healthcare organization under investigation by the DOJ for accounting fraud, wire fraud and violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute
- A large, privately held media company under investigation by the DOJ's Antitrust Division for "no-poach" violations
- A cutting-edge private technology company facing investor fraud investigations by the SEC and SDNY
- A major New York construction company in a grand jury investigation relating to minority business subcontractors

Individuals

- The CEO of one of the world's largest companies investigated for FCPA violations by the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York and the DOJ's Fraud Section
- One of the top officials in the White House in multiple DOJ special counsel investigations
- A company founder and CEO under investigation by SDNY for wire fraud
- Hedge fund analysts under investigation by SDNY for participating in a multibillion-dollar securities fraud scheme
- A former high-level New York City official in an SDNY public corruption investigation
- A former member of Congress in insider trading investigations by SDNY and the SEC
- The CEO of a New York-based technology company in an antitrust investigation by the DOJ
- The CEO of a New York-based healthcare company in an investigation for honest services fraud and wire fraud by EDNY
- A former FTX executive in investigations by SDNY, the SEC and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- Executives of a Washington, DC-based government contractor in a wire fraud investigation by the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia and the DOJ
- The president of a large entertainment company in an antitrust investigation by the DOJ

Education

Yale Law School

JD

Princeton University

BA, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions & Credentials

New York

New Jersey

District of Columbia

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

US District Court for the Southern District of New York

US District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations – District of Columbia (2024 – 2025)

Chambers USA: Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations – New York (2022 – 2025)

The Legal 500 US: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense (2024 – 2025)

Henry L. Stimson Medal for outstanding career performance as an Assistant US Attorney (2017)

Director's Award for Superior Performance as an AUSA (2015)

Assistant Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service (2014)

Memberships & Affiliations

Edward Bennett Williams Inn of Court, Washington DC

Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court, New York