

## George W. Vien



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George Vien has served as a federal prosecutor, a corporate compliance officer and a private defense attorney. He draws upon that unusual combination of differentiating skill in defending individuals and entities facing criminal, civil and regulatory challenges.

George defends individuals in SEC and DOJ investigations involving such diverse issues as insider trading, federal and state health care fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance, antitrust, money laundering, RICO, and wire, insurance and bankruptcy fraud. He has also conducted internal investigation involving private companies and educational institutions.

George served for more than 20 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. He served in the Health Care Fraud Unit, the Drug Task Force, the Public Corruption Unit and the Organized Crime Strike Force. He prosecuted a broad spectrum of high profile cases from public corruption, fraud, and campaign financing, to extortion and murder. He has tried more than 40 federal, criminal cases.

In addition to defending clients in private practice, George has experience on the corporate side as Chief Compliance Officer for an international manufacturer. Through that experience, he is accustomed to developing and effecting defense strategy in the context of impact on the client's business. Clients appreciate his practical approach to investigating the facts, maintaining appropriate communications and negotiating a successful conclusion.

George is a former adjunct professor at Suffolk University Law School and has taught at the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is honored by Chambers USA as a leading Massachusetts White-Collar Crime & Government Investigation practitioner. He has also been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer and recognized by The Best Lawyers in America.

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### RELATED PRACTICES

White Collar Defense &  
Government Investigations  
SEC Enforcement Defense

### EDUCATION

JD, *cum laude*, University of  
Pennsylvania Law School,  
1985

BA, Wesleyan University, 1982

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

United States District Court  
(D. Mass.)

United States Court of  
Appeals (1st Cir.)

### EXPERIENCE

#### White Collar Defense & Government Investigations

- Defended numerous individuals in federal and state health care fraud investigations.
- Represented an officer and director of a publicly-traded company in an SEC and Department of Justice investigation involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.
- Represented a designer of a transportation-related system against allegations of changes in design or manufacturing process post-regulatory approval, and allegations of false statements to federal highway authorities.
- Defended in-house counsel and other individuals in a Department of Justice international anti-trust cartel investigation.
- Represented individuals in federal investigations and prosecutions involving money laundering, wire fraud, insurance and bankruptcy fraud.
- Represent individuals involved in Export Control Act investigations and prosecutions in multiple federal jurisdictions.
- Represented an executive with a global manufacturer in a price fixing investigation by antitrust regulators and Canadian and European authorities.
- Represented client wrongfully convicted and imprisoned for rape of a child; client found innocent and awarded five million dollars.

#### SEC Enforcement Defense

- Represented individuals and entities in SEC and Department of Justice investigations relating to insider trading and other securities related matters in numerous federal district courts including the District of Massachusetts, and the Southern District of New York.