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Congressional investigations move fast, and they do not conform to the rules of a courtroom.

The glare of the spotlight, nuanced rules and norms of engagement, and shifting political alliances are just some of the unique challenges posed by these investigations. These challenges are never more prevalent than when the balance of power in Congress changes hands: corporate conduct that was appropriate when it occurred can suddenly become the target of congressional committees motivated by a partisan political agenda. And, in an age of unified government, Congressional investigators often turn from government oversight to private sector investigations.

McGuireWoods is distinctively qualified to help individuals and companies navigate this demanding terrain. Our congressional investigations team includes seasoned investigations lawyers with extensive experience on some of the most high-profile congressional investigations. Ranging from the “Fast and Furious” investigations, the Deep Water Horizon inquiries, USA Gymnastics sexual assault investigations, and January 6th investigations and litigation, our congressional investigations lawyers have been there. Over the past 20 years, we have built strong personal and professional relationships with members and their staff and have earned a reputation for skillfully navigating investigations confined to the halls of Congress, as well as those litigation matters that proceed in parallel to congressional scrutiny.

Our congressional investigations team leverages the wide-ranging capabilities and relationships of McGuireWoods’ lobbying arm, McGuireWoods Consulting, comprised of a strong bipartisan team of Capitol Hill veterans who have extensive experience with the inner workings of Congress, including a highly-respected former member of Congress and White House political director.

To provide the most innovative and in-depth services to our clients, McGuireWoods also relies on our technical industry expertise across a broad range of sectors, including:

- **Defense**
- **Financial Institutions**
- **Healthcare**
- **Pharmaceutical**
- **Energy**
- **Education**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Technology**
- **Transportation**



ABOUT OUR TEAM

The congressional investigations team at McGuireWoods is part of an elite Government Investigations & White Collar Litigation Department that has been recognized by Chambers, Global Investigations Review and as a Law360 Practice Group of the Year. Our senior team is comprised of a deep bench of lawyers with decades of experience with investigations at the intersection of law and politics, including a former associate counsel to the President of the United States, a former investigative counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol, more than a dozen federal prosecutors, and other former senior enforcement officials. Our congressional investigations team also leverages the strengths of our highly regarded colleagues at McGuireWoods Consulting, our legislative consulting arm comprised of former elected officials, senior Executive Branch officials, more than a dozen senior congressional staffers, and White House and legislative staff.

Our combined congressional investigations team includes:

- **Former highly-respected member of Congress and White House political director**
- **Former Senior Congressional staffers from both sides of the aisle**
- **Former transition team Members for the current presidential administration**
- **Former Associate Counsel to the President of the United States**
- **Former U.S. Attorneys and more than a dozen federal prosecutors**
- **Former Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's National Security Division**
- **Former Senior Counsel in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and Office of Legislative Affairs of the Department of Justice**
- **Former Chief of Staff to former Gov. Terry McAuliffe and former U.S. Sen. Jim Webb**
- **Former Chief Counsel to Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign**
- **Former high-level government enforcement officials at the SEC and the Justice Department**
- **Former Chief of Staff to U.S. Sen. John Hoeven**
- **Former Investigative Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol**
- **Numerous public policy and legislative affairs consultants**



HOW WE HELP

Given this special combination of skills, experience, and relationships, McGuireWoods' congressional investigations team helps our clients develop successful strategies to move through the gauntlet of the congressional investigations process. From a seemingly innocuous request issued by a member or congressional committee to a full-blown hearing in front of a bank of cameras, we gauge the potential legal, political, and reputational consequences, counseling clients on how to resolve the issue positively while avoiding damaging missteps. Our team also helps clients limit the collateral consequences of congressional investigations by developing strategies to reduce and address private litigation and potential criminal exposure. Furthering our expertise and in close collaboration with McGuireWoods' Crisis Management & Incident Response Practice Group, our team also manages ancillary issues associated with congressional investigations, including board and shareholder relations, media inquiries, and other crisis management matters.

Fortune 500 companies, senior executives, boards of directors, and high-profile political leaders have called on McGuireWoods to handle a broad range of matters in the congressional arena, including:

Responding to congressional subpoenas for documents or investigative hearing testimony

Analyzing privilege and other sensitive elements of potential productions and testimony

Negotiating with committee or investigative staff on scope of response

Directing media and public relations and developing crisis management strategies

Preparing witnesses for hearing using "mock panels"

Overseeing board and shareholder relations, litigation, and other ancillary matters

Handling the complexities of congressional investigations that arise in connection with parallel criminal or civil litigations

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented financial institution clients in congressional oversight of COVID-era stimulus programs including the CARES Act and PPP
- Represented Major League Baseball Players Association in congressional inquiry into steroid use
- Represented senior executive of BP in hearings related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- Represented former President of USA Gymnastics in recent sexual abuse investigation
- Represented CIA and DOD officials in congressional investigation into Bush-era enhanced interrogation techniques
- Represented a U.S. Attorney in congressional probe regarding criminal charging decisions
- Assisted major government contractor in Senate testimony regarding veterans hiring issues
- Assisted major aerospace company in high-visibility Pentagon matter
- Represented Members of Congress in Ethics Committee and DOJ investigations, including the resolution of a six-year federal investigation into former House Majority Leader Tom Delay's ties to lobbyist Jack Abramoff
- Represented Acting Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the "Fast and Furious" congressional investigation
- Represented several large pharmaceutical companies in congressional probes into the opioid crisis
- Assisted leading energy company in state ethics investigation



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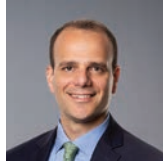
The Government Investigations & White Collar Litigation Department at McGuireWoods is a nationally recognized team of more than 80 attorneys representing Fortune 100 and other companies and individuals in the full range of civil and criminal investigations and enforcement matters at both the federal and state level. Our senior team is comprised of a deep bench of former federal officials, including former U.S. Attorneys, more than a dozen federal prosecutors, and an Associate Counsel to the President of the United States. Strategically centered in Washington, our Government Investigations & White Collar Litigation is proud to be recognized as an elite practice, most recently honored by Chambers USA with a highly regarded nationwide ranking for Corporate Crime & Investigations, honored twice as White Collar Practice Group of the Year by Law360, and consistently ranked among the world's leading investigations firms on the Global Investigations Review 100 guide to top cross-border investigations practices. The Legal 500 United States, a premier list of the country's best law firms, also commended McGuireWoods for the "exceptional quality" of our powerhouse white collar litigation practice.

For more information about the breadth of the capabilities of the Government Investigations & White Collar Litigation Department, please contact department chair Jason H. Cowley at jcowley@mcguirewoods.com or at +1 704 343 2030.

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McGuireWoods has 1,100 lawyers in 21 offices across the United States and other countries. Over its 187-year history, we have earned the loyalty of our many longstanding clients with deep understanding of their businesses and broad skills in complex regulatory and compliance matters, high-stakes disputes, and transactional matters. For more than a decade, McGuireWoods has been ranked on BTI Consulting Group's "Client Service 30" list of law firms serving Fortune 1,000 companies — elite firms singled out for client service excellence based on unprompted feedback from corporate counsel. Its full-service public affairs arm, McGuireWoods Consulting LLC, offers infrastructure and economic development, strategic communications and grassroots advocacy, and government relations solutions. For more information, visit www.mcguirewoods.com.