

Bill J. Lovett

Partner

Boston

Biography

Bill Lovett helps clients manage complex civil and white collar criminal litigation, as well as internal and government investigations and enforcement actions related to sophisticated financial matters.

Bill uses his background as a former auditor and management accountant to help clients resolve financial disputes in the boardroom and the courtroom. He advises shareholders and partners in closely held businesses in cases involving accounting fraud and malpractice, as well as financial disputes related to acquisitions, loans, stock purchases, breach of fiduciary duty, and other complex transactions. Bill also represents clients in civil suits brought against public accounting firms seeking to recover damages suffered as a result of negligently performed audits.

Bill also represents clients in both civil and criminal government investigations and enforcement matters with a focus on financial matters, including tax issues, improper accounting practices, money laundering, and securities infractions. He advises individual and corporate clients under investigation by federal grand juries and clients who are subjects of SEC enforcement actions. Bill also represents clients before private sector oversight boards such as the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.



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Practices

Investigations

Litigation

Tax

Industries

Financial Institutions

Areas of focus

Tax Disputes and Controversy

Tax Audits

Accounting and Auditing

Financial Services Regulatory
Investigations and Enforcement

Prior to joining the firm, Bill was a federal prosecutor with the DOJ Tax Division where he worked closely with the IRS to investigate tax controversies. His experience includes prosecuting and defending cases involving allegations of tax evasion, false returns, aiding and abetting, tax conspiracy, failures to file, sales and use tax practices, excise tax payments, fuel and road tax payments, and improper tax withholding. Bill's practice also includes advising clients on compliance with the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act.

At the DOJ, Bill served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Representative experience

Successfully represented financial professionals targeted in market-timing investigation by the government.*

Defended a corporate client during a federal grand jury investigation that resulted in no charges being brought against the client.*

Assisted taxpayers participating in the IRS Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Initiative (OVDI).*

Represented a syndicate of banks in connection with claims related to auditors' failure to detect massive fraud in a large publicly traded company.*

Represented shareholders in a closely held corporation in claims related to the sale of the family business.*

Represented law firm in connection with claims brought against former partner and accounting firm related to the theft of law firm funds.*

Represented auditors in disciplinary proceedings brought by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) pertinent to various matters.*

Represented owner of a construction company in connection with an investigation involving payroll tax

White Collar Crime and Fraud
Bribery and Corruption
Anti-money Laundering
False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Boston College Law School,
1999

B.S., Boston College, Carroll School
of Management, cum laude, 1990

Memberships

American Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

Court admissions

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of
Massachusetts

U.S. Tax Court

and workers compensation matters.*

Represent partners and shareholders in Massachusetts companies in breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, and Chapter 93A claims.*

Represented accounting firms in connection with state and federal investigations.*

As a federal prosecutor, successfully prosecuted tax evasion, mortgage fraud, and money laundering cases.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Business Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Tax, *Super Lawyers*, 2014 - 2018
- Rising Star, Business Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Tax, *Super Lawyers*, 2009

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Artificial Intelligence and your business: A guide for navigating the legal, policy, commercial, and strategic challenges ahead *Hogan Lovells*