

William H. Kettlewell

Partner

Boston

Biography

Bill Kettlewell has deep experience helping clients with both white collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation. As a former state and federal prosecutor, he has assisted clients in responding to all types of government enforcement actions, having tried numerous civil and criminal cases in both state and federal courts. He has also handled a number of sensitive internal corporate investigations.

Throughout his career, Bill has represented companies, executives, and professionals in a wide variety of industries, including health care, pharmaceutical, medical devices, financial services, industrial materials, environmental services, defense procurement, and commercial fishing.

Bill has successfully dealt with government investigations and enforcement actions arising out of alleged kickbacks, antitrust violations, obstruction of justice, overbilling, false claims, and fraud. He has also dealt with complex environmental crimes as well as ERISA and bank fraud issues.

Bill's civil litigation experience includes the defense of clients involved in multidistrict, private antitrust actions, mass torts, and the defense of commercial disputes, false advertising claims, qui tam, and fraud actions.



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Practices

Litigation Services

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Health Law

Commercial Litigation

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Diversified Industrials

Financial Institutions

Bill served as a state and federal prosecutor for 12 years before joining the firm. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, he was Chief of the President's Organized Crime and Drug Task Force for New England and later Chief of the Criminal Division for the District of Massachusetts.

Representative experience

Obtained acquittal after jury trial for public official charged with domestic abuse in early 2016.*

Served as co-counsel representing major healthcare provider in connection with multidistrict litigation based in Boston since 2013.*

Obtained jury verdict permitting healthcare provider to deduct US\$95m of a civil settlement as a business expense.*

Secured dismissal with prejudice after empanelment of a jury for executive charged with conspiracy to violate misbranding and controlled substance laws.*

Secured acquittal of executive charged with conspiracy to violate anti-kickback laws on pharmaceutical marketing, despite prior settlement and negative publicity.*

Obtained acquittal after mistrial, together with co-counsel, for international manufacturer of technology products charged with criminal price-fixing.*

Obtained acquittal after jury trial for fishing industry fleet charged with criminal price-fixing.*

Co-lead defense counsel of medical device maker charged with defrauding FDA; obtained reversal of conviction through successful appeal to First Circuit.*

Defended president of medical products division of leading medical device company against multicount felony indictment alleging healthcare fraud.*

Extricated international, industrial materials producer

Areas of focus

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Suffolk University Law School, cum laude, 1976

A.B., Harvard College, cum laude, 1973

Memberships

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Boston Bar Association, Criminal Law Section

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

Court admissions

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

from complex civil antitrust litigation by negotiating settlement after pre-trial advocacy.*

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2004-2019

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