

Michael A. Collora

Partner

Boston

Biography

Michael Collora handles complex civil and criminal litigation in federal and state courts, as well as regulatory work dealing with federal and state regulatory agencies. He is a founding partner of Collora LLP, now the Boston office of Hogan Lovells.

Michael has represented a wide array of clients from many industries during his career, including mutual funds, investment banks, and private equity funds. In recent years, he has frequently represented companies, executives, managers, shareholders, brokers, traders, and professionals in the financial services sector.

Michael has frequently represented both plaintiffs and defendants in securities cases, including investigations by the SEC and state security offices. He has years of experience in matters involving allegations of stock fraud, irregular accounting practices, and insider trading. In addition, he has tried more than 60 federal cases to a judge or jury.

Clients also hire Michael to assess the merits, likely outcomes, and projected costs of litigation in all kinds of commercial cases, including cases involving arcane matters, such as disputes over the value of shipping vessels.

Before founding Collora LLP, Michael served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for eight years and headed the



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Practices

Litigation

Administrative and Public Law

Industries

Financial Institutions

Areas of focus

White Collar Crime and Fraud

Education and admissions

Education

U.S. Attorney's Special Investigation Unit from 1979-1981.

Representative experience

Dismissal of class action for financial services client for alleged false statements and omissions in connection with purchase and sale of securities.*

Obtained US\$10m settlement in electronic wire transfer case after winning federal court summary judgment on issues of first impression for wire transfers.*

Obtained favorable settlement for investment house securities trader after court ruling win involving alleged breach of agreement in option executions.*

Obtained acquittal by federal court jury for client who had been charged with mail fraud in connection with a commercial enterprise by prosecutors.*

Negotiated US\$2m+ recovery from three investment houses after initiating federal court action and obtaining motion for summary judgment.*

Resolved government investigations for defense contractors on overbilling, kickbacks, or false certifications, avoiding charges, fines, and debarments.*

Obtained "not guilty" verdicts in both federal and state court cases for individual clients accused of murder.*

Awards and rankings

- Investigations, Business Crime Defence, *Who's Who Legal*, 2015-2017
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, Securities Litigation, Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, 2004-2017
- Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Massachusetts), *Chambers USA*, 2013-2017
- Attorney General's Special Commendation Award,

LL.M., with highest honors, George Washington University Law School, 1970

LL.B., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, 1968

B.A., with honors, University of Virginia, 1965

Memberships

Boston Bar Association

American Bar Association, White Collar Planning Committee, White Collar ABA Meetings

Massachusetts Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Department of Justice, 1975, 1980