

## James G. McGovern

Partner  
New York

### Biography

With more than 25 years of federal and state courtroom experience, in both New York and Washington, D.C., Jim McGovern defends corporations and their executives in criminal and civil investigations brought by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Securities and Exchange Commission, UK's Serious Fraud Office, New York Attorney General's Office, New York County District Attorney's Office, and New York Department of Financial Services.

He conducts internal investigations for companies and counsels boards of directors concerning regulatory compliance, crisis response, and media relations. His experience includes Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Bank Secrecy Act, financial fraud, insider trading, money laundering, and cyber security investigations.

Jim previously served as the Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, where he supervised several major bank investigations and the FIFA prosecutions; he previously supervised the EDNY's Business and Securities Fraud Section. He also served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C., and as an assistant district attorney in New York City. Having conducted more than 70 criminal and civil jury trials, Jim is well-equipped to represent companies and individuals in investigations involving government



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### Practices

Financial Services

Investigations

Litigation

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### Industries

Financial Institutions

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### Areas of focus

White Collar Crime and Fraud

Bribery and Corruption

Risk Management, Governance, and Compliance

Anti-money Laundering

enforcement issues, such as criminal, civil, and regulatory compliance.

In 2015, Jim received the DOJ's Director's Award for Superior Performance by an assistant U.S. attorney; in 2013, he received the New York Police Department Detective's Endowment Association's "Person of the Year" and the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation's "Prosecutor of the Year" awards; and, in 2016, he received the Exceptional Service Award presented by the National Association of Former United States Attorneys. In 2017, Jim was selected by *The American Lawyer* for inclusion in its list of "Lateral All Stars."

## Representative experience

Representing major U.S. bank in investigation conducted by Fraud Section of the DOJ concerning transactions with high-profile hedge fund manager

Representing CEO of large New York-based financial institution in investigation conducted by New York Department of Financial Services

Advising privately held multi-national corporation concerning criminal exposure under the FCPA for corrupt acts committed by its employees in Central America

Qualified to provide expert testimony in UK extradition proceeding regarding the policies and procedures of the U.S. Department of Justice

Representing CEO of consulting company in investigation conducted by the DOJ's Civil Division

Representing numerous individuals in sprawling federal investigation of corruption involving the mayor of New York City

## Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, *Legal 500 US*, 2017

Privacy and Cybersecurity Public Policy Counseling and Advocacy

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, 1991

B.A., Siena College, 1988

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

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## Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

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- Lateral All-Star, *The American Lawyer*, 2017

## Latest thinking and events

- Brochures
  - You can bet on us: Our international service and experience in the gaming industry
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Global Anti-Corruption: Transparency in the Modern Age
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Fraud & Financial Crime Summit
- Publications
  - Applying 'McDonnell,' Circuit affirms ex-assemblyman's public corruption conviction  
*New York Law Journal*
- Published Works
  - Anti-bribery laws make overseas operations risky business, panel says *The Lawyer's Daily*
- Publications
  - Make anti-bribery and corruption your priority