

# Robert L. Corbin

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Over the past 30 years, Robert L. Corbin has defended many of the highest priority white collar criminal cases investigated and prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Mr. Corbin's clients include directors, senior management, lawyers, and accounting professionals of global and domestic enterprises. Mr. Corbin has obtained acquittals for clients at trial, gotten indictments dismissed, persuaded the government to drop investigations, and obtained resolutions that have enabled his clients to preserve their freedom, business operations, and net worth.

The government's changing enforcement priorities have enabled Mr. Corbin to become experienced in important global and domestic industries. In addition to his defense role in criminal matters, Mr. Corbin has conducted numerous related internal corporate investigations and defended many clients in parallel civil actions and administrative proceedings before the Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. Department of Labor, and debarring officials of the Departments of the Army, Air Force, and Navy.

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## Education

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1971

Colgate University, A.B., 1967

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## Representative Matters

### Global Anti-Trust Defense

- Represented the president of a \$3.75 billion Taiwanese electronics company.
- Defended an international freight corporation, and senior vice president of a \$1 billion South American maritime shipping company.
- Represented sales and senior marketing managers of major Japanese electronics and auto parts manufacturers.

### Banks and Financial Institutions

- Represented all of the executive vice presidents

and senior vice presidents of Indymac Bank during a criminal investigation by the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California and parallel civil investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). As a result of Mr. Corbin's defense presentations to the SEC's acting director of enforcement, one client's "Wells notice" was rescinded and no civil or administrative actions were filed. Mr. Corbin also defended multiple civil law suits including actions by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., class plaintiffs, and two mortgage insurers and successfully prosecuted claims against multiple insurers who stopped funding defense costs.

- Represented a former senior officer of Countrywide Bank who was being investigated by the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California for insider trading.
- Represented the senior vice presidents of New Century Corporation during investigations by the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, bankruptcy trustee, and the SEC.

#### **Trade Secrets**

- Represented the vice chairman of a foreign corporation who was indicted in the U.S. for conspiring to steal agricultural trade secrets that were valued at more than \$1.5 billion.
- Represented the senior manager who was targeted along with his employer, a global defense contractor, for stealing the competitor's cost data during the bid submission for a single source U.S. Air Force missile contract.

#### **Financial Reporting**

- Defended a board member and the senior officers of two separate Fortune 500 companies that were investigated for stock option backdating.
- Represented the divisional president and former divisional chief financial officer of a Fortune 100 company that was being investigated by the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California and the SEC for the alleged improper booking of multi-million dollar "roundtrip" sales transactions.
- Defended a foreign law firm that was accused of assisting a billionaire client in hiding his beneficial ownership of a publicly traded company in the U.S. while allegedly manipulating its stock price.
- Defended a lawyer who was charged with "structuring" financial transactions on behalf of a billionaire client.
- Represented numerous individuals, including senior portfolio managers of major brokerage firms, who were accused of insider trading.

#### **Aerospace and Military Defense**

- Defended three separate corporate defense contractors which designed and manufactured "critical parts" for the Air Force and Navy against allegations that they falsified test and traceability results.
- Represented multiple senior project managers of military missile and airplane manufacturers in cases of alleged billing and testing fraud.

#### **Health Care**

- Defended the chief operating office of a health services company that was being targeted by the Department of Justice and four U.S. attorneys in the

government's largest investigation into allegations of health care fraud.

- Represented the chief financial officer of a large New Mexico hospital system that was being investigated by the U.S. attorney for the Central District of California for alleged accounting and Medicare fraud in connection with the booking of reserves.

#### **Tax**

- Defended a former partner of a global accounting firm who was targeted in connection with the Department of Justice's and U.S. attorney's "tax shelter" prosecutions in the Southern District of New York.
- Represented accounting firms which were being investigated for assisting clients in hiding foreign assets.
- Defended individuals who were accused of tax evasion and filing false returns.

#### **Environmental**

- Defended the senior employees of a Fortune 10 company in multi-district federal and state hazardous waste prosecutions.
- Represented multiple captains and chief engineers of global maritime cargo and chemical ships in multi-district prosecutions involving oil discharges.

#### **Public Officials and Campaign Financing**

- Defended a prominent lawyer and former government official before the "Whitewater" grand jury investigation of a former U.S. President, U.S. Attorney General, and senior White House aides.
- Represented multiple captains and chief engineers of global maritime cargo and chemical ships in multi-district prosecutions involving oil discharges.
- Represented public officials, corporate officers, the public affairs director of a Native American tribe, and relatives of public office holders in campaign finance prosecutions.
- Defended elected officials during political corruption prosecutions.

#### **Labor**

- Represented Fortune 10 company during a U.S. Department of Labor investigation into alleged violations of statutorily mandated health benefits.
- Defended the manager of a TV news station and supervisory employees of an explosives manufacturing company in two separate Occupational Safety and Health Administration homicide investigations.

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## Recognition and Affiliations

- Best Lawyers in America, White Collar Criminal Law, 2000-present
- Martindale Hubbell, AV rated for over 25 years
- Former Counsel to the Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department (Christopher Commission)
- Former Deputy General Counsel, Rampart Independent Review Panel
- Former Deputy General Counsel, Citizen's Commission on Jail Violence
- Former Advisor to the City of Burbank on policing matters
- Oakwood School, Trustee
- Mentor to recent college graduates

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## Publications and Appearances

- Guest lecturer, University of Southern California's Gould School of Law

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## Prior to Kendall Brill & Kelly

- Corbin, Athey & Martinez LLP, (formerly Corbin, Fitzgerald & Athey LLP; Corbin & Fitzgerald LLP), 1994-2014  
Founding and managing partner
- Sharenow & Corbin LLP, 1983-1993  
Co-founding and managing partner
- Law Offices of Douglas Dalton, 1982-1983  
Associate
- Deputy Federal Public Defender, 1978-1981  
Central District of California
- Law Offices of Robert L. Corbin, New York, 1975 – 1977
- Legal Aid Society, New York, 1972-1973  
Juvenile Rights Division

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## Bar and Court Admissions

- **New York, 1972**
- **California, 1978**
- **U.S. District Court**  
California, all districts
- **Western District of Washington**
- **U.S. District Court**  
Eastern District of Michigan
- **U.S. District Court**  
Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- **U.S. Court of Appeals,**  
Ninth and Second Circuits

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