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**Areas of Focus**

Anti-Corruption and FCPA

Data Privacy and  
Cybersecurity

Government Controversies  
and Public Policy Litigation

Human Rights and Global  
Strategy

Investigations, Compliance,  
and Defense



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### Overview

**David Bitkower helps companies navigate significant and complex white-collar investigations. He serves clients across all major industries, including technology, defense, finance, communications, and healthcare. With extensive experience as both a defense attorney and a former high-ranking DOJ official, David helps clients assess risk and achieve the best outcome.**

David is a former Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the US Department of Justice. In that role, he managed more than 700 federal prosecutors and helped to oversee the Department's most significant investigations and prosecutions of corporate wrongdoing, including financial institution fraud, FCPA violations, sanctions evasion, and healthcare fraud.

Before serving in DOJ leadership, David prosecuted financial fraud, money laundering, export violations, terrorism, and violent crime as an Assistant US Attorney in the Eastern District of New York. At EDNY, David was chief of the National Security and Cybercrime Section and chief of the Violent Crimes and Terrorism Section, where he prosecuted prominent terrorism cases including the trial of an al-Qaeda plot to bomb the New York City subway system.

David serves as a Co-Chair of the firm's Investigations, Compliance, and Defense Practice.



Companies facing investigation want to understand what risk they face. I enjoy helping clients identify and manage that risk and strategize the best path forward.”

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- National Security and Crisis
- Public Company Advisory Group

## **Representative Matters**

- Represent a global telecommunications company charged with racketeering, sanctions violations, bank and wire fraud, and other offenses.
- Conducted internal investigation into alleged corrupt payments by a global company and advised the company on enhancing internal controls.
- Represented Balfour Beatty Communities with respect to its parallel DOJ criminal and civil resolutions related to military residential housing.
- Represent a defense contractor and its principal owner in FCPA investigation by the Justice Department.
- Negotiated a resolution with FinCEN for a Texas-based financial institution.
- Represented a major trade association with respect to a DOJ campaign finance investigation.
- Represented a major broadcaster in a DOJ antitrust investigation.
- Represented a small business in a DOJ False Claims Act investigation.
- Represented an international company in all aspects of its response to a cyber incident that was reported to have involved over 500 million customer records and led the company’s internal investigation.

## **Credentials**

### **Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- New York

## Education

- Harvard Law School, JD, *magna cum laude*, 2002
- Yale University, BA, *cum laude*, with distinction in history, 1997

## Clerkships

- Hon. Pierre N. Leval, US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2003-2004
- Hon. Leonard B. Sand, US District Court, Southern District of New York, 2002-2003

## Service / Recognition

### Awards

- The Burton Awards, Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Awards-Law Firm, 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2020-2022, 2024-2026; Privacy and Data Security Law, 2026
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2024-2025
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation, White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, District of Columbia, 2022-2025
- *Legal 500 US*, Media, Technology and Telecoms, Cyber Law (including Data Privacy and Data Protection), 2018; Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, 2020-2021
- *Who's Who Legal*, Future Leader, Investigations 2021
- New York City Bar Association, Henry L. Stimson Medal for the Outstanding Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Criminal Division, 2011
- Department of Justice, Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, the DOJ's highest award for employee service, for role in investigating and prosecuting *United States v. Najibullah Zazi*, referred to by Attorney General as "the most serious plot to attack our Nation since the events of September 11, 2001."