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Practices

- Litigation
- Government, Regulatory & Internal Investigations
- International Risk & Investigations
- Securities, Shareholder & Derivative Litigation
- Environmental

Admissions & Qualifications

- 2011, Illinois
- 2003, Indiana

Courts

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Trial Bar
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth

Mark Schneider is a partner whose practice focuses on representing businesses, their boards and executives in complex criminal, civil, and administrative investigations, government enforcement proceedings, and related litigation, often in highly regulated industries and international contexts.

Recognized by *Chambers* as a leading lawyer, Mark's clients include notable multinational companies in the financial services, life sciences, healthcare, and manufacturing industries, as well as private equity sponsors and a diverse array of portfolio companies.

Mark has substantial experience representing clients in matters related to environmental law, securities and commodities regulation, the False Claims Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FDA cGMP regulations, sanctions and export controls, antitrust, trade secret theft, and other complex regulatory issues. Mark also advises clients in evaluating and mitigating compliance risks, including in international markets.

Prior to joining Kirkland, Mark served for a decade at the U.S. Department of Justice. In profiling his work, *The National Law Journal* cited descriptions of Mark as “exceedingly smart in an understated way” and emphasized his “legal talent and lack of pretension.” An accomplished trial and appellate lawyer, Mark served in senior leadership and supervisory roles at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, including as Chief of Appeals, Deputy

Circuit

Chief of Financial Crimes and Special Prosecutions, head of the Medicare Fraud Task Force, Criminal Health Care Fraud Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration Coordinator, and Child Exploitation Crimes Coordinator. He tried numerous complex fraud and other cases before juries, and briefed or edited more than 100 appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2003
Editor, *Harvard Law Review*
- University of Oxford, M.A. (Oxon), 2003
- University of Oxford, B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics, (Hons.), 1998
Marshall Scholar
- Indiana University, B.A., Chemistry & Political Science, with Highest Honors, 1996
Herman B Wells Scholar
Truman Scholar

Mark's international and national security experience included deploying to Baghdad for a year to help to lead civilian Rule of Law efforts throughout Iraq. Later, as Special Attorney to the Attorney General, he prosecuted a former CIA officer for willfully disclosing the identity of a covert officer in violation of the Intelligence Identities Protection Act, the second such case in U.S. history and one described by the then-CIA Director as "an important victory for our Agency, for our Intelligence Community, and for our country."

Mark has also taught for five years as adjunct faculty at the University of Chicago Law School. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to studying law, Mark worked as a management consultant at The Boston Consulting Group, Inc., and on the staff of the late U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar.

Mark graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*; Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar; and Indiana University, as a Wells Scholar.

Representative Matters

Represented multiple Fortune 500 life sciences companies in False Claims Act and Justice Department and FDA investigations concerning alleged FDA cGMP violations.

Represented numerous companies in the investigation and defense of putative civil and criminal environmental violations,

including in the industrial services, energy, and transportation sectors, under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Represented various companies in SEC, CFTC, and antitrust investigations.

Represented multiple large life sciences companies in conducting Asia-based anti-corruption investigations, and addressing China-specific business risks.

Represented large multinational industrial company in cross-border investigation of putative export control violations (ITAR, EAR) and resulting voluntary disclosure, and have advised other companies on export control and sanctions compliance and response to related government inquiries.

Represented numerous companies in providing compliance advice, conducting internal investigations, and/or responding to subpoenas or requests from enforcement agencies.

Counsel to various individuals in Justice Department investigations.

Clerk & Government Experience

Chief of Appeals, The United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois, Criminal Division, 2012–2015

Deputy Chief, The United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois, Financial Crimes & Special Prosecutions Section, 2010–2012

Deputy Rule of Law Coordinator, Embassy of the United States, Baghdad, 2008–2009

Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2004–2015

Law Clerk, Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2003–2004

Thought Leadership

Publications

Co-author, "White-Collar Crime Practice Guide – U.S. Chapter," *Chambers & Partners* (October 2019)

Recognition

40 under 40, Chicago Rising Stars, *The National Law Journal*, 2013.

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("OCDETF") National Award, 2014.

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, National Group Achievement Award, 2013.

Award of Excellence, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, 2011.

Director's Award, Office of Criminal Investigations, Food and Drug Administration, 2006.

Heyman Fellow, Program on Government Service, Harvard Law School, 2004.

Memberships & Affiliations

Member, American Law Institute

Member, Seventh Circuit Bar Association

Member, Board of Directors, Lumen Christi Institute

Member, Board of Advisers, Catholic Charities of Chicago

Emerging Leader, Chicago Council on Global Affairs (2014–2016)

Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, New York
(2009–2014)