



## **Boutique Litigation Firm Walden Macht & Haran Hires Accomplished Trial Lawyer and Former Federal Prosecutor Jeffrey A. Udell**

(New York, NY) January 19, 2016 - Walden Macht & Haran LLP today announced that Jeffrey A. Udell has joined the Firm as Special Counsel. He will focus on the Firm's core practices, including government investigations, white-collar criminal and regulatory defense, and complex litigation matters.

"Jeff is a perfect addition to our team of accomplished and experienced litigators. He has conducted internal investigations, represented hundreds of individuals in high-stakes cases, and counseled many clients effectively and creatively," said Jim Walden, co-founder of Walden Macht & Haran. "Jeff is widely respected because of his deft trial skills and exceptional judgment, so we could not be more pleased to have him," he continued.

Udell is currently working with Bart M. Schwartz on his assignment as the independent monitor named by the U.S. Department of Justice to oversee General Motors' compliance with its obligations under the deferred prosecution agreement stemming from its recall of defective ignition switches.

"I'm thrilled to be joining such a renowned team of former federal and state prosecutors," said Udell. "Jim has pulled together an incredibly talented and creative group of attorneys to form one of the best litigation boutiques in the country, and I look forward to helping them expand the Firm's core practices."

Prior to joining Walden Macht & Haran, Udell was a partner in Olshan Frome Wolosky's litigation practice for ten years. As an experienced trial lawyer and counselor, he represents both entities and individuals in complex, high-stakes litigation matters including white-collar criminal defense, regulatory investigations and proceedings, and internal investigations. He frequently represents clients in matters investigated or brought by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and other law enforcement authorities. Udell also has significant experience representing hedge funds, investors, and companies in complex commercial litigations, and has represented clients in general commercial litigation matters.

Before re-entering private practice in 2005, Udell served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York for six years where he tried ten jury trials to verdict and argued on numerous occasions before the Second Circuit in the prosecution of federal criminal actions

involving fraud, identity theft, tax evasion, money laundering, labor and employment crime, narcotics, and violent crime.

Udell received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Columbia College and is a *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edward R. Korman, U.S. District Judge in the Eastern District of New York.

**About Walden Macht & Haran LLP**

A boutique litigation firm, Walden Macht & Haran was founded by former Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Eastern District of New York, Jim Walden, Timothy Macht, and Sean Haran, challenging the notion that corporations must employ the largest firms to handle bet-the-company matters. The Firm specializes in government investigations, white collar criminal defense, and complex civil litigation. Based in lower Manhattan, Walden Macht & Haran LLP ([www.wmhlaw.com](http://www.wmhlaw.com)) marshals the founders' diverse and extensive trial and other litigation experience, both as federal prosecutors and in private practice at major national and international law firms.

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