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EDUCATION

St. John's University School of Law, J.D. (1987); magna cum laude
St. John's University, B.A. (1984); summa cum laude

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. John E. Sprizzo, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

ADMISSIONS

New York

John leads WMH's corporate monitorships practice, leveraging his extensive legal knowledge as well as his vast experience in internal investigations, technical consulting, and data analytics. John uses this unique set of skills to help companies respond to cyber threats as well as address wrongdoing and build sustainable compliance programs. A former federal prosecutor with sophisticated experience in white collar crime and data privacy matters, he balances competing perspectives to ensure successful paths to remediation.

John is particularly well-positioned to work with companies facing a monitorship in the banking and financial services arena, with significant experience in financial crimes, anti-money laundering (AML), Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations, sanctions, corruption, and cybercrime investigations. In his role as a monitor, he regularly reports to enforcement and supervisory authorities, oversees lookback reviews, and identifies and resolves legal issues as they arise, focusing on maintaining clear communication and transparency between all involved parties.

John has represented individuals and institutions across industries and practice areas in a variety of matters – from the CEO of an off-shore bank charged with violating the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) to internal investigations into cyber incidents and employee misconduct.

Prior to joining WMH, John was an Executive Managing Director at Stroz Friedberg, a global risk management firm. He led multiple business practices at Stroz, including the intelligence and investigations practice, computer forensics and electronic discovery practices, and AML compliance practice. John also played a senior role in the Department of Justice (DOJ) AML monitorship of HSBC and designed and implemented an automated transaction monitoring system for an international private bank under DOJ investigation.



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John's professional experience includes serving as Counsel for National Security Affairs for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), where he counseled FBI senior leadership on terrorism, intelligence, and espionage matters. He spent more than a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York (EDNY), running complex investigations into financial fraud and participating in more than 20 trials. At the EDNY, John also served as Chief of the Narcotics and Money Laundering Section and Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprises Section, among other leadership positions.

Recognitions

Irish Legal 100 (2020)

Activities

Professional Affiliations

Member, Criminal Justice Section Cyber Crime Committee, American Bar Association