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ABA BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LITIGATION COMMITTEE APPOINTS JAMES MELENDRES AS CHAIR OF CRIMINAL AND ENFORCEMENT LITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

PHOENIX (October 6, 2016) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partner [James Melendres](#) was appointed Chair of the Criminal and Enforcement Litigation subcommittee. The subcommittee is part of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Business Law Section's [Business and Corporate Litigation Committee](#).

The mission of the Business and Corporate Litigation Committee is to focus on the principal substantive areas of litigation affecting business enterprises and to promote the establishment of business courts and other effective means of resolving business disputes. The Business Law Section serves its members, the profession and the public by providing educational resources to its members, assisting members in serving their clients ethically and competently, and furthering the development and improvement of business law.

Melendres is co-chair of the White Collar Defense and Investigations practice and the Cybersecurity, Data Protection, and Privacy practice. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Melendres served in the leadership offices at the Department of Justice as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General where he oversaw legal and policy issues regarding sensitive cyber matters. He also led some of the Justice Department's most high-profile and complex matters, including the prosecution of former Central Intelligence Agency Director David Petraeus for mishandling classified information and making false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



James Melendres

Melendres has significant experience investigating complex financial fraud cases and leading internal investigations. He represents companies and individuals in a wide variety of matters relating to federal and state criminal and regulatory enforcement, including federal and state securities laws, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), anti-money laundering (AML), federal procurement, public corruption, and U.S. sanctions and export control regimes. He has significant experience investigating complex financial fraud cases and leading internal investigations. Drawing on his extensive experience as a former federal prosecutor, Melendres also focuses his private practice on representing companies in high stakes civil litigation and advising clients on crisis and risk management.

At the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, Melendres investigated and prosecuted numerous sophisticated financial crimes including bank fraud, tax fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, false statements and money laundering as well as foreign corruption and bribery, obstruction of justice, aggravated identity theft, racketeering and international organized crime. He has also led federal investigations involving securities fraud and coordinated parallel proceedings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies. Melendres is a highly accomplished trial lawyer, having tried to verdict a dozen federal jury trials. He is also an experienced appellate lawyer and has litigated 16 matters before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Melendres was twice appointed by the Attorney General of the United States to serve as a Special Attorney prosecuting and investigating recusal matters in the Central District of California.

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