

White-Collar Defense for the Toughest Cases

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It's no secret that the government is ramping up its investigation and prosecution of Medicare fraud, mortgage fraud, tax evasion and other complex civil and criminal business matters. Such cases can be financially and emotionally draining, not to mention the irreparable harm they can cause to a defendant's reputation. Nobody understands that better than Dallas-based criminal defense attorney John R. Teakell, one of the leading white-collar defense lawyers in Texas.

"A lot of lawyers are quick to settle, but I believe in working the case as much as possible," Teakell says. "Every client deserves his or her day in court, with the most rigorous defense possible."

As a former federal and state prosecutor, and a former Securities and Exchange Commission lawyer, Teakell understands how the other side thinks, and thus brings a perspective to cases that most federal criminal defense attorneys cannot. He is adept at quickly recognizing the merits of a case, or lack thereof, and using that information to his client's advantage.

"I know the steps that have to be taken prior to someone being formally charged, and the parameters that the prosecutors may allow in pushing for a conviction or a negotiated settlement," he says. Teakell's inside knowledge of the system makes him a sought-after defense counsel commentator for media outlets. He has appeared on CNN, Court TV, NBC Nightly News, as well as many Dallas/Fort Worth network affiliates. Teakell has been quoted in such publications as *Time* magazine, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Dallas Business Journal*.

Teakell's record of success on behalf of clients is second to none. In many cases, he has gotten cases dismissed before going to trial, even when the deck seemed stacked in the prosecution's favor. Other times, he has successfully shut down investigations, after uncovering evidence that his client was not involved in a criminal activity or had no criminal intent.

Mortgage Fraud	Money Laundering	Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Violations
Email Fraud	Bankruptcy Fraud	Unauthorized Computer Access
Embezzlement/Theft	Credit Card/Access Device Fraud	Trafficking in Counterfeit Items
Tax Evasion/ Failure to File	Government Contracting Fraud	Prescription Fraud
Securities Fraud	Procurement Fraud/ Bribery	Public Corruption
Health Care Fraud	Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, Mail Fraud or Wire Fraud	More...
Identity Theft		
Insurance Fraud		

In practice since 1985, and a defense attorney since 2003, Teakell has been peer-voted a Texas Super Lawyer® in the field of white-collar criminal defense for seven consecutive years. He has also been ranked among the top 100 lawyers by the American Trial Lawyers Association from 2007-2011.

"Just because someone is charged or is under investigation does not mean they did something wrong," Teakell says. "White-collar cases are very complex and there can be varying levels of culpability. It's very satisfying when I can provide a balance to keep someone's individual rights intact."

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