

Criminal Trade Secrets



Our team represents clients in government investigations and criminal litigation involving economic espionage and theft of trade secrets. We also conduct internal investigations, perform due diligence, and provide compliance advice to ensure compliance with the law and to reduce the risk of trade secret theft.

In recent years, the U.S. government has steadily increased enforcement of the Economic Espionage Act, which prohibits both economic espionage by foreign governments and theft of trade secrets by private parties. Aggressive enforcement of the Economic Espionage Act is expected to continue.

Perkins Coie's criminal trade secrets practice defends and offers specialized advice to clients facing government scrutiny or other compliance challenges under the Economic Espionage Act. Our team is composed of White Collar & Investigations practice attorneys, many of whom formerly served as prosecutors with the U.S. Department of Justice. Our attorneys are particularly experienced litigating, managing investigations, and conducting compliance reviews.

CRIMINAL MATTERS

Attorneys in our White Collar & Investigations practice focus on government investigations and white-collar criminal litigation. While serving in the government, many of our White Collar & Investigations attorneys prosecuted and tried high-profile cases, conducted grand jury investigations, and supervised multi-agency law-enforcement investigations. This inside knowledge enables our attorneys to offer valuable insights when corporations and individuals face investigation or prosecution involving economic espionage and trade-secret theft.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS AND CORPORATE COMPLIANCE

As experienced government and private sector investigators, our attorneys are uniquely qualified to help corporations address potential trade-secret challenges discretely, without drawing government attention. Our attorneys often conduct internal investigations involving sensitive legal issues that implicate local and international concerns. In doing so, they are adept at helping companies take proactive measures before the U.S. or other governments become aware of legal issues, advising companies as to potential self-disclosure, and, when necessary, facilitating interaction with the U.S. government.

Our lawyers are also experienced at designing and implementing policies and procedures that help protect trade secrets from theft. This capability includes conducting audits and due diligence to help measure the effectiveness of corporate compliance programs, and to minimize legal and business risks.

EXPERIENCE WITH DIVERSE TECHNOLOGIES AND INDUSTRIES

Our criminal trade secrets team recognizes the importance of understanding how different industries intersect with the law, and the necessity of responding to the unique needs of our clients. In recognition of those twin goals, our White Collar & Investigations attorneys work hand-in-hand with our experienced intellectual property and technology attorneys to represent clients across a broad range of industries. Given the size of our firm and the breadth of its expertise, we are quickly and efficiently able to respond to the particular needs of any client.

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