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PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation
 Government Investigations and White Collar Litigation
 White Collar Defense
 Class Action

INDUSTRIES

Strategic Risk and Crisis Management

Richard Cullen is the chairman of McGuireWoods LLP and a senior litigation partner. He counsels corporate executives, boards of directors, elected officials and the heads of major nonprofit institutions on matters of the utmost sensitivity, often involving issues of national security. He has extensive experience defending large multinational corporations in investigations conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and local prosecutors. He is frequently called on to conduct confidential internal investigations to assist corporations in assessing the risk of criminal prosecution or regulatory enforcement. His representation of clients in investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice often includes the proceedings that parallel white-collar prosecution, such as SEC enforcement actions, collective prosecution or civil enforcement by states' attorney generals, debarment actions and civil litigation.

Richard gained a broad perspective on law enforcement from his service in high-level legal positions in both federal and state government. From 1997-98, Richard was Attorney General of Virginia. In 1991, President George H. W. Bush appointed him U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, where he directed investigations and prosecutions of financial institutions and defense contractors, and other white collar defendants. While serving as U.S. Attorney, Richard was chosen to be on Attorney General William Barr's Advisory Committee. Richard also served as special counsel to U.S. Senator Paul Trible (R-VA) during the Iran-Contra investigation and was on the staff of Representative M. Caldwell Butler (R-VA) during the Watergate investigation. In addition, he was on President George W. Bush's legal team during the recount of the 2000 election in Florida.

EXPERIENCE

- Representation of key grand jury witnesses in *United States v. I. Lewis ("Scooter") Libby and United States v. Rosen & Weissman*, both involving allegations of leaks of classified national security information.
- Negotiation of global settlements with U. S. Department of Justice on behalf of major defense contractor, aerospace manufacturer, multinational energy company and media conglomerate.
- Representation of Members of Congress in Ethics Committee and DOJ investigations, including the resolution of the six-year federal investigation into former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's (R-TX) ties to lobbyist Jack Abramoff.
- Counsel to U. S. Senate Rules Committee in challenge to the election of Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA).
- Representation of acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives in "Fast & Furious" investigation.
- Representation of CIA and Department of Defense officials in investigation into Bush-era interrogation techniques.
- Representation of U. S. auto manufacturer, multinational food producer and global financial institutions in multi-state attorney generals' investigations.

EDUCATION

- University of Richmond School of Law, JD, Editor in Chief, *University of Richmond Law Review*, 1977
- Furman University, BA, 1971
- University of South Carolina School of Law, 1971-1972

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

HONORS

- Selected for inclusion as a "Leading Lawyer," Corporate Investigations And White-Collar Criminal Defense, Virginia, *Legal 500 US*, 2016-2017
- Name to "Legal Elite," Criminal Law, *Virginia Business*, 2013-2015
- Named "Lawyer of the Year," Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2014; Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2016, Richmond, *Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc.
- Recipient, Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree, Virginia Union University, 2013
- Named a "Local Litigation Star," Virginia, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Woodward/White, Inc., 2009-2017
- Named a "Leader in the Field," Litigation: General Commercial, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, Virginia, *Chambers USA*, 2008-2012
- Named to "The Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America," White Collar, Virginia, Law Dragon, 2012
- Selected for inclusion in *America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Litigation: General Commercial, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, *Chambers USA*, 2009-2017
- Named to "Virginia Super Lawyers," Business Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2006-2017
- Recipient, Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Richmond, 1998
- Fellow, Virginia Law Society

EVENTS

- Moderator, "Federal and State White Collar Enforcement, Agency Coordination and Parallel Investigations of Corporate Defendants," [White Collar Criminal Law Forum](#), The Virginia Bar Association, October 13, 2016
- Conference Co-Chair and Moderator, "Key Insights on Healthcare Priorities from Top Federal and Virginia Enforcement Officials," [Healthcare Litigation Conference](#), McGuireWoods LLP, May 29, 2014

AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Directors, CrossOver Ministries
- Chair, Furman University Board of Trustees
- Member, VCU Business School Foundation
- Board of Visitors, Virginia Military Institute, 1998-2002

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