

Government Investigations

When an organization receives notice of a government inquiry, whether it be through a formal subpoena, notice of an examination, a civil investigation demand, or some other form of governmental communication, it is critical for the organization to act quickly and prudently to minimize potentially negative outcomes and unwanted publicity. Even a seemingly simple investigation – one in which the organization is not or does not appear to be the “target” of the governmental inquiry – can have far-reaching implications.

Staffed by seasoned attorneys from multiple practice areas, our Government Investigations Group counsels clients in matters involving investigations and inquiries encompassing a broad variety of issues. Among the more recent government investigations and inquiries for which our attorneys have provided counsel and representation are matters involving:

- State Attorney General Investigations
- U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission Investigations
- False Claims Act and Qui Tam (Whistleblower) Actions
- Cyber Security and Privacy Breaches and Related Investigations
- U.S. Department of Justice Investigations
- Federal Trade Commission Investigations
- U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Investigations
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Investigations
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration Investigations
- Environmental Protection Agency Investigations

Our attorneys provide invaluable early intervention and strategic counsel for clients who are actual or potential targets of government investigations. We advise clients in all stages of government investigations, which can include conducting an internal investigation into the subject matter of a particular governmental inquiry, responding to governmental subpoenas, civil investigative demands, or other forms of notices of government investigation, coordinating defense of parallel investigations and enforcement actions, preparing and representing clients and their officers, directors, management, and employees for formal or informal interviews and testimony before governmental authorities, negotiating resolutions and settlements with governmental agencies, and litigating those matters that cannot be resolved. We emphasize efficiency and flexibility in engaging with regulators and enforcement authorities on behalf of our clients.

Our team includes former state and federal prosecutors and attorneys who have been appointed as Special Attorneys' General, as well as attorneys experienced in counseling and representation of public and private companies, partnerships, non-profit organizations, and individuals. Clients and

industries represented by our Government Investigations Group include commercial property owners and developers, retailers, restaurants and hospitality groups, healthcare and pharmaceutical companies, educational institutions, auto dealerships, and financial technology companies.

Our Service Difference

We provide invaluable early intervention and support for clients who are actual or potential targets of government investigations, handling all aspects of the investigation, including conducting internal investigations, responding to subpoenas, representing and preparing clients (and their officers, directors, management, and employees) in connection with the civil investigations that may follow a subpoena, negotiating resolutions and settlements, and litigating those matters that cannot be resolved.

Our team, which includes former prosecutors and attorneys who have been appointed as special prosecutors and special attorneys' general, have counseled and defended clients in matters involving the Department of Justice (DOJ), United States Department Labor (DOL), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), United States DOL Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State Insurance Commissioners, and States' Attorney General Offices.

Our Clients

The Goulston & Storrs Government Investigations Group represents public and private companies, partnerships, non-profit organizations, and individuals. Clients and industries include commercial property owners and developers, retailers, restaurants and hospitality groups, healthcare and pharmaceutical companies, educational institutions, auto dealerships, and financial technology companies in all stages of government investigations.

For our nonprofit clients, our team has provided representation for matters involving the Non-Profit Organizations & Public Charities Division of the Attorney General's Office and State Inspectors General.