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**K. Lee Blalack** is a partner in O'Melveny Washington, DC office and a member of the Business Trial and Litigation Practice. He represents targets of grand jury, congressional, and regulatory investigations. In 2005, *The Washingtonian* magazine named Lee one of the city's "Top Lawyers" and *The American Lawyer* magazine recently selected Lee as one of the top fifty litigators in the country in its "Fab Fifty" survey.

Lee is an experienced trial lawyer, having successfully tried to verdict five civil and criminal jury trials since 2001. As a member of the Business Trial and Litigation Practice, he represents companies in a variety of adversarial proceedings, including complex commercial litigation. Lee was lead national counsel for **Humana, Inc.**, in connection with the multi-district RICO class action suits brought by medical doctors and other providers against the managed care industry. He also served as lead trial counsel for **Florida Power & Light Group** in a week long bench trial before the U.S. Tax Court in connection with the Company's nearly \$300 million refund claim against the IRS. Lee has represented the **Brookings Institution** as its lead counsel in a variety of civil litigation matters.

Lee is also a member of the White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations Practice. He focuses on defending companies and individuals who are targeted in government investigations. In that capacity, Lee has directed the firm's representation of the following clients:

- Former **Senate Majority Leader William H. Frist, M.D.** in connection with investigations surrounding his sale of stock from federally qualified blind trusts
- **Senator Pete Domenici** in connection with a Senate Ethics Committee investigation of his communications with the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico
- **Humana Military Healthcare Services** in connection with a DOD Inspector General's investigation of a subsidiary
- Former **Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham** in connection with a grand jury investigation of alleged public corruption, which resulted in securing a highly favorable plea agreement with a sentence nearly 8 years below the recommended Guidelines sentencing range
- The former **General Counsel of Hewlett-Packard** in connection with investigations of the company's efforts to prevent leaks of sensitive business information from Board meetings
- The former **General Counsel of Bell South International** in connection with an FCPA investigation of a Nicaraguan subsidiary
- Former **New Jersey Governor and EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman** in connection with a House investigation of EPA's response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001
- **Ford Motor Company** in connection with numerous House and Senate investigations of the Firestone tire recall
- The former **CEO of the Enron Corporation** in connection with numerous House and Senate investigations of the Enron bankruptcy
- **ImClone Systems, Inc.** in connection with a House investigation of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's denial of ImClone's biologics license application for its anti-cancer drug Erbitux
- Former **Treasury Secretary John W. Snow** in connection with his nomination by President Bush to serve as the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury
- Former **Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham** in connection with a House Ethics Committee investigation of passage of the Medicare Modernization Act
- **Harvard University** in connection with a House investigation of the molecular target laboratory contract awarded by the National Cancer Institute
- **Hess Corporation** in connection with a Senate investigation of its business operations in Equatorial Guinea and Gabon
- **The Museum of Modern Art** in connection with a Senate investigation of its conduct as a tax-exempt organization
- The **CEO of the Metabolife Corporation** in connection with a House investigation of the Company's marketing of ephedra-based dietary supplements
- **Partners Healthcare System** in connection with a Senate investigation of corporate sponsorship of medical research
- The former **Chief Counsel to the Speaker of the House** in connection with a House Ethics Committee investigation of Representative Mark Foley

Prior to joining the Firm, Lee served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, chaired by Senator Susan M. Collins of Maine. In that capacity, he directed several nationally publicized investigations into the business practices of the sweepstakes and day trading industries. He also previously served as Counsel to the U.S. Senate's Committee on Governmental Affairs, chaired by Senator Fred D. Thompson of Tennessee, during its year-long investigation of foreign influence in the 1996 federal elections.

Prior to law school, Lee served with the US Marine Corps during the Persian Gulf War. As part of Operations Desert

#### professional focus

Business Trial and Litigation  
White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations  
Class Actions, Mass Torts and Aggregated Litigation  
Environmental Law  
Political Law  
Health Care  
Insurance and Reinsurance

#### education

**University of Memphis, J.D.**, 1994:  
*magna cum laude*; Articles Editor,  
*University of Memphis Law Review*

**University of Memphis, M.A.**, 1996

**University of Memphis, B.A.**, 1990

#### admitted

District of Columbia; Maryland;  
Tennessee

Shield and Desert Storm, he participated in the Second Marine Division's ground invasion of Kuwait and was awarded several citations, including the Combat Action Ribbon and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal.

**Professional Activities**

**Law Clerk**, Honorable Harry W. Wellford, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

**Member**, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel; District of Columbia Bar Association; Maryland Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Team 100, Republican National Committee

**Author**, "Corporate America, Beware: GOP Won't End Scrutiny," *Roll Call* (February 3, 2003); "In the Line of Fire: Congressional Hearings Play By Their Own Rules," *Legal Times* (September 21, 1998)

**Ethics Counsel**, 2000 Republican National Convention

**Commentator**, CNN; CNBC; MSNBC; FOX News; C-Span