



## Jim Bowman

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James A. Bowman is a skilled litigator with experience trying cases involving complex financial crimes, including securities fraud, health care fraud, money laundering, tax evasion, and art theft.

Jim is a former federal prosecutor who served as a Deputy Chief in the Major Frauds Section and as the Securities Fraud Coordinator in the US Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. During his eight years as a federal prosecutor, Jim served as the lead prosecution in numerous high-profile cases, tried several cases as lead counsel, and argued numerous appeals.

Jim also supervised a team of prosecutors in the Major Frauds Section (one of the largest white collar prosecution units in the country), and oversaw the investigation and prosecution of dozens of cases in the Section. He also served as a mentor to several new prosecutors during trial.

Jim received awards from the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Los Angeles Police Department, and other federal and local agencies. He also received the US Department of Justice's prestigious Director's Award for Superior Performance, which was presented by the Attorney General at a ceremony in Washington, DC in 2012.

Before becoming a federal prosecutor, Jim spent six years as an associate and counsel at O'Melveny, where he worked on complex civil litigation and white collar criminal defense.

### Admissions

#### *Bar Admissions*

California

### Education

University of California at Los Angeles, J.D., 2000: Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *UCLA Law Review*

Stanford University, B.A., Political Science, 1995

## Experience

### Government Experience

- Prosecution of *United States v. Scott London*, a criminal insider trading case against a senior vice president of a major international accounting firm who had been passing confidential information to a close friend in exchange for bundles of cash. Following a sting operation and the defendant's arrest, which was covered extensively by the media, the defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to federal prison.
- Prosecution of an insider trading ring that illegally generated more than \$3 million in profits. All five defendants were convicted and sentenced to federal prison.
- Prosecution of defendant who defrauded thousands of victims out of more than \$50 million, resulting in defendant's conviction at trial. Seized \$12 million from defendant, including \$4 million in cash, which was one of the largest cash seizures in a fraud case in California history.
- Prosecution of con artist, dubbed the "Hispanic Madoff," who carried out a predatory fraud scheme that defrauded hundreds of families out of more than \$40 million. Defendant was convicted after trial and sentenced to 22 years in prison.
- Investigation involving largest art heist in Los Angeles history. Oversaw sting operation that led to the recovery of paintings worth more than \$10 million.
- Prosecution of members of organized crime involved in theft and attempted sale of stolen paintings worth more than \$1 million.

### Private Practice Experience

- Served on the trial team for San Diego-based Alvarado Hospital against alleged criminal violations of the federal Anti-kickback Statute in a seven-month trial that ended with a hung jury and dismissal of all criminal charges.
- Represented former CEOs in stock options investigations by the Department of Justice and Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Represented a global provider of Internet content delivery services in trade secret litigation brought by a competitor involving content delivery networks over the Internet. Also represented the client in pursuing claims for anti-competitive behavior and false advertising by the competitor. Successfully defended the client against the competitor's request for a preliminary injunction that threatened to shut down the company and in a related criminal investigation conducted by the U.S. Attorney's office in San Francisco.
- Represented a developmentally-disabled prisoner serving a life sentence for murder. Drafted and argued habeas petition that resulted in published opinion vacating client's sentence and remanding case for a new trial. (*Holguin v. Harrison*, 399 F.Supp.2d 1052 (N.D. Cal. 2005).)

### Corporate & Government Experience

- Deputy Chief, Los Angeles US Attorney's Office, Major Frauds Section
- Securities Fraud Coordinator, Los Angeles US Attorney's Office, Major Frauds Section

## **Professional Activities**

### **Clerkships**

- Hon. Irma E. Gonzalez, US District Court, Southern District of California

### **Honors & Awards**

- Recommended by *The Legal 500 US* (2019-2021)
- US Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance