



In the 119th Congress, the convergence of law, policy and politics presents individuals and organizations facing congressional investigations with special challenges. Our lawyers and policy professionals have the experience, insight and network such individuals, companies and other organizations need to navigate their way through the unique challenges associated with high-profile, high-risk congressional investigations.

Over the last few years, with the ubiquity of social media and the onset of hyper-partisanship, the nature of congressional investigations has changed. Today, short-spin, majority-led public hearings and partisan oversight inquiries are on the rise, while traditional, long-form, bipartisan congressional investigations are on the decline.

Our lawyers and policy professionals have adapted to these changes and understand what they mean for our clients. Unlike other types of investigations or litigation, congressional investigations take place in the public eye and can result in substantial reputational damage. We know how to manage the investigative process from start to finish to minimize adverse consequences for you and your brand. Our extensive oversight and investigations experience allows us not to “over-lawyer” congressional inquiries. Rather, we work with you to find pragmatic and effective solutions and, when needed, to implement aggressive strategies for responding to investigations or high stakes inquiries/requests.

Members of our congressional investigations team include not only former members of Congress, but also former key staff with the top oversight committees of the House and Senate, and a former inspector general, as well as former top agency officials well-versed in defending against such investigations from the executive branch. Our lawyers and policy professionals with the benefit of their combined expertise, have brought their experience to bear to represent numerous clients before major investigative committees in the House and Senate, including the House Oversight Committee and the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and in just about every major congressional investigation over the last 20 years.

We have an unparalleled insider’s knowledge of the congressional investigations process, key members and staff, and how to prepare for and respond to requests for documents and testimony, subpoenas and hearings appearance invitations. We have relationships with key congressional members and their staffs, and understand the political factors that drive congressional investigations.

Representative Experience

Ethics Investigations

- Represented key witnesses in recent high-profile investigations, including, the Investigation of the House Intelligence Committee Regarding the Impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, and Investigation of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the US Capitol;
- Represented former U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Site Selection Official and current Washington, D.C. Deputy Mayor Nina Albert in a GSA investigation and investigations by three congressional committees regarding the award of the new FBI headquarters to a site in Maryland;
- Represented numerous members of the US House of Representatives in investigations by the House Committee on Ethics.

Commerce & Consumer Affairs

- Represented several companies in different economic sectors in Democrat-led investigations into alleged price-gouging and unfair business practices;
- Assisted a for-profit education company in defending congressional and related federal and state agency investigations alleging fraud, waste and abuse of government funding;
- Represented Takata before the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee in their investigation of the company's production of airbags;
- Represented a home warranty company in an investigation by a committee of the House of Representatives;
- Represented Kellogg in its government affairs and public relations efforts around concerns regarding sugar in children's cereal, and settled related litigation; and
- Represented Motorola in government affairs and public relations efforts arising from claims that cellphones caused brain cancer.

Tax & Financial Services

- Led AIG's proactive and winning response to bailout-related investigations by Congress, SIGTARP, the TARP Congressional Oversight Panel, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, and financial regulators;
- Represented a major university in an inquiry by a subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee into potential "abuses of the tax code by schools enjoying tax-exempt status" in connection with their athletic programs;
- Neutralized congressional, agency and grand jury allegations of fraud and FIRREA violations in connection with the "Bluebonnet" acquisition of Texas savings and loan institutions from US government receivers, ultimately winning a \$97 million judgment against the government for breach of promised favorable regulatory treatment; and
- Represented former US Treasury Secretary John W. Snow in congressional hearings and before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission.

Environment & Energy

- Represented a major Canadian oil company being investigated by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in connection with a pipeline rupture;
- Represented Massey Energy Company in a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services investigation of the Upper Big Branch mine disaster;
- Assisted Halliburton in responding to congressional and federal agency requests for documents and testimony in connection with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill;
- Represented a mining company under investigation by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure regarding a proposed mine in Alaska; and
- Represented Anadarko in its government affairs and public relations efforts arising from its partial ownership of the Deepwater Horizon well.

National Security, Trade, & Investment Security

- Represented one of the leading companies providing military housing before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations;
- Represented a private contractor to the FAA in a congressional investigation related to the 9/11 hijackers' pilot training; and
- Represented a large cargo airline in an investigation regarding the use of CARES Act funds before the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis.



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