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Lou leverages his experience prosecuting and litigating some of the highest-profile matters in the country to help clients navigate enforcement, internal investigations, and white collar matters.

Lou provides strategic counsel on high-stakes matters, focusing on complex and large-scale white collar litigation, investigations, and government enforcement (including environmental advertising and marketing claims such as greenwashing and carbon credit fraud). Clients benefit from his experience leading criminal investigations across the country as a former Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and Trial Attorney at the Fraud Section at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). He understands the government from the inside out, including the motivations and strategies of federal prosecutors. Lou stands ready to deliver the highest quality results for entities and individuals facing the government.

Highlights of Lou's experience and expertise include:

- Indicting, trying, and convicting 25 Oath Keepers for sedition and other crimes related to their efforts to thwart the peaceful transfer of power following the 2020 presidential election. Lou was chosen as one of five prosecutors across DOJ to lead the effort and focused on investigating the militia's "Quick Reaction Force," composed of individuals who amassed weapons and explosives for use at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.
- Serving as lead prosecutor on the largest COVID-19 pandemic fraud conspiracy investigation in the country. Lou convicted 15 individuals on wire fraud, bank fraud, false statements, and money laundering offenses stemming from more than \$75 million in fraud loss. In addition to executing dozens of search warrants across multiple states, Lou coordinated with foreign governments and banks to seize assets.
- Investigating the country's largest carbon credit offset case, which included allegations of accounting fraud relating to a public offering and wire fraud relating to the double counting of carbon offsets and mismarking of carbon offsets to defraud institutional investors and numerous high-profile individuals.
- Convicting an individual for manufacturing counterfeit parts impacting national security and causing a multimillion-dollar loss to the United States military. Lou coordinated with Army and Navy officials to locate and dispose of counterfeit parts located around the world and in use during active-duty military operations.

- Indicting, trying, and convicting six doctors for illegal opioid prescribing and health care fraud across multiple states as part of the largest nationwide takedown of health care professionals. Lou's prosecutions involved extensive direct and cross-examination of experts, in depth analysis of medical files, and locating former patients to testify at trial.
- Trying over 30 cases, including homicide, sexual assault, child abuse, obstruction of justice, conspiracy, violent crime, gun possession, and drug distribution offenses. Lou has prepared and presented hundreds of witnesses before grand and petit juries, including children, cooperators, law enforcement, and expert witnesses in medicine, cell site analysis, forensic collection and analysis of metadata, fingerprints, and DNA. He has authored extensive pre-trial motions, post-trial motions, and appellate briefs on Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, and evidentiary rules.
- Completing nearly one hundred proffers and preparing numerous reverse proffers. Lou has developed close relationships with Assistant United States Attorneys across the United States and the white-collar defense bar.

As a former federal prosecutor, Lou has worked with dozens of federal law enforcement agencies and maintains close relationships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the inspectors general within the Department of the Treasury, Health and Human Services, United States Postal Service, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Small Business Administration, and all branches of the military. He can quickly identify weaknesses in government investigations, advocate to key decision-makers within the government, and advise clients on the best course of action.

**Admitted only in Massachusetts; not a member of the DC Bar. Practicing in DC pursuant to D.C. App. Rule 49(c)(8). DC practice supervised by members of the DC Bar.*

Education

- Boston College (B.A., 2006)
- Boston College (M.A., 2007)
- Georgetown University (J.D., 2013)

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts

Professional Affiliations

- George Mason University School of Law ("White Collar Crime"), former adjunct professor

Honors & Awards

- Department of Justice's Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award

- Department of Justice's Assistant Attorney General's Exceptional Service Award
- Department of Homeland Security's Outstanding Investigation Award for Financial Crime
- Federal Bureau of Investigation's Service Award
- Anti-Defamation League's SHIELD Award
- United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia's Special Achievement Award for Trial Advocacy