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OVERVIEW

Michael Culhane Harper is a partner in the White Collar, Defense, and Investigations practice group. Michael, who recently joined the firm after seven years as a federal prosecutor in the FCPA Unit at the Department of Justice (DOJ), is an experienced trilingual white-collar lawyer with extensive global experience working on high-profile individual and corporate matters dealing with US laws with extraterritorial reach, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and federal criminal statutes pertaining to antitrust or money laundering violations and other financial frauds.

While at the DOJ, Michael spearheaded some of the most significant and complex international bribery and money laundering cases against publicly traded and privately held companies, board members and executives, finance professionals, lawyers, and high-level foreign government officials. His investigations spanned the globe and involved extensive interactions and negotiations with multiple domestic authorities, including the US Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as prosecutorial and regulatory authorities abroad, including Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Panama, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Michael's DOJ investigations resulted in criminal charges against more than 20 individuals, four corporate resolutions, and total criminal penalties and forfeiture in excess of US\$1 billion.

Michael's practice focuses on government investigations, securities enforcement, internal investigations, and white collar defense representations. His practice also involves counseling clients on anti-corruption and anti-money laundering compliance programs.

Prior to public service, Michael spent seven years working for a global law firm, most of which was spent in firm's São Paulo, Brazil office. He has extensive experience throughout Latin America.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Recent DOJ Guidance: When the Department Speaks What Is It Really Saying?," PLI's The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and International Anti-Corruption Developments 2024

EDUCATION

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2009
- B.A., Boston College, 2005

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Bar of District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- Spanish

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 23 April 2024, US Anti-Corruption and Cartel Enforcement Update: Recent Trends, Key Developments, and New Tools
- 15 March 2024, Dialing for Dollars: US Department of Justice Announces New Whistleblower Pilot Program
- 20 February 2024, Why Corporations in the United Kingdom are Now More Likely to Face Criminal Prosecution for their Employees' Actions
- 26 December 2023, Criminalizing the "Quo:" The New Foreign Extortion Prevention Act Targets the Demand Side of Bribery

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "4 Questions On Groundbreaking New Foreign Bribery Law," *Law360*, 16 January 2024

NEWS & EVENTS

- 5 December 2023, K&L Gates Adds Pair of Justice Department Lawyers in Washington, D.C., Office

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Trafigura resolution shows DOJ is looking deeper into past misconduct," *Global Investigations Review*, 23 April 2024

- Quoted, “Veteran foreign bribery prosecutor heads to private practice,” *Global Investigations Review*, 5 December 2023
- Quoted, “SAP Bribery Case Shows US Mercy to Cooperating Recidivist (1),” *Bloomberg Law*, 11 January 2024

AREAS OF FOCUS

- White Collar Defense and Investigations
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption
- Anti-Money Laundering (AML)
- Internal Investigations