

# los angeles

Crowell & Moring's Los Angeles office, located in the heart of downtown LA, provides full service to clients, focusing on white collar and regulatory enforcement, antitrust, commercial litigation and arbitration, complex civil litigation, government contracts, healthcare, securities litigation, and business transactions. The lawyers in the Los Angeles office are accomplished trial lawyers with extensive courtroom experience. They have the depth and experience to take any case to trial. They are experienced in federal and state trial and appellate courts, with an enviable success rate.

## Our Practices

### **White Collar and Regulatory Enforcement**

Crowell & Moring's white collar and regulatory enforcement lawyers defend criminal and regulatory clients globally when their interests could be affected by investigations in state, federal, and international courts. Our goal is to resolve investigations quickly, favorably and discreetly. Our biggest successes are known only to our clients. But we are trial lawyers, and are known for our extensive courtroom experience. The white collar lawyers have tried upwards of 100 cases. Our ability to try cases – and the fact that our adversaries know this – often results in favorable resolutions before trial.

Our practice includes investigations by grand juries, independent and special counsels, congressional committees, inspectors general, and all other investigative and law enforcement agencies. Our clients include foreign and domestic corporations, closely held businesses, and governmental entities; CEOs, CFOs, boards of directors, and all level of corporate officers; professionals, including attorneys, physicians and accountants; and high-ranking public officials and career government employees. We have represented such clients in their capacity as witnesses and document custodians, targets of investigations, charged defendants, and victims.

We have handled virtually all varieties of criminal matters, including antitrust, FCPA, trade secrets, environmental, workplace safety, insurance, trade regulation, public and commercial bribery, campaign and election law, securities, health care, business tax and procurement fraud, and espionage. We are experienced in regulatory matters that often precede or are concurrent with criminal investigations, including securities, insurance, OSHA and election/fair political practices proceedings.

### **Antitrust**

Crowell & Moring's antitrust practice is among the best in the business. We represent companies looking to successfully close their most important strategic acquisitions. Our clients range from the largest multinational companies in the world, where we partner with sophisticated in-house legal departments, to technology start-up companies, where we deal directly with the business team. Our practice covers the full range of substantive and trade regulation issues, including grand jury investigations and trials; defense of civil litigation, trial and investigations; pursuit of damages in recovery actions; full-service merger and acquisition representation; and counseling on ways to manage antitrust risks, including conducting audits and sophisticated compliance training. The Los Angeles office represents clients in civil and criminal antitrust litigation as well as in the process of seeking regulatory approval for mergers and acquisitions. We regularly counsel on cartel enforcement, monopolization, recovery actions, trade association law, the Robinson-Patman Act, the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, and compliance, enforcement and protection of intellectual property rights in relation to antitrust law.

### **Commercial Litigation and Arbitration**

Crowell & Moring commercial litigators aim for and achieve efficient resolution of complex disputes in a myriad of commercial activities. We represent companies of all sizes in automotive, banking, construction, electronic, financial services, insurance, internet, manufacturing, medical, retail, retirement, telecommunications, and other industries both locally and globally. Our litigation expertise extends to pre-dispute advice, representation in trial and appellate matters in state and federal courts, arbitration, mediation, class action defense, and acting as national coordinating counsel. In many cases, we handle both the civil and the criminal aspects of the case, as well as any third layer of parallel administrative proceedings.

## Complex Civil Litigation

Our Los Angeles litigators handle the most sophisticated class actions across a wide array of industries in both federal and state courts nationwide. Our track record of success in defending class actions spans the firm's practice areas, from antitrust to healthcare and from securities to labor/employment. Our Los Angeles litigators have unparalleled experience defending and resolving consumer class actions in numerous industries, most notably the automotive, retail, and telecommunications industries. We are also experienced on the plaintiffs' side of class actions, representing opt-out claimants and named plaintiffs in pursuit of individual and classwide relief.

Our class action practice draws upon our deep litigation expertise coupled with our knowledge of the industries and practice areas at issue. It also frequently brings into play our national coordination management skills, in which Crowell & Moring has special expertise. We are expert in the rules, procedures and strategies involved in coordinating complex cases, through the Judicial Panel for Multi-District Litigation and otherwise, as well as other litigation coordination techniques designed to leverage favorable substantive rulings across jurisdictions and minimize duplicative discovery and litigation expense.

## Government Contracts

Doing business with any government poses unique risks and problems for a business. This is true whether the customer is the federal government, a state agency or a government outside of the United States. Crowell & Moring's government contracts practice is consistently recognized as the leader in the field. Whatever the issue, the firm's nearly 60 government contracts lawyers have "been there" and "done that." We provide comprehensive services regarding how to do business with the U.S. government, including contract formation, protests, contract performance, terminations, claims, litigation and compliance with federal contracting obligations. Our Los Angeles government contracts attorneys have broad experience in federal and state agency procurement, compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations, Cost Accounting Standards, and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and other export control laws. They have extensive experience defending large and small government contractors involved in criminal and civil fraud investigations, and have successfully defended dozens of lawsuits brought under the False Claims Act by the government as well as by "qui tam" whistleblowers.

## Healthcare

Crowell & Moring's Los Angeles attorneys provide an array of legal services essential to the success of emerging and established health care and life science companies. Backed by our nationwide team with decades of experience and national recognition, our Los Angeles healthcare practice is part of a team distinguished by industry-specific expertise in the transactional, intellectual property, litigation and regulatory arenas. We provide effective and efficient representation to health care and life sciences clients locally and worldwide, ranging from health care service providers, medical devices, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic companies to research institutes and universities.

## Securities Litigation

Lawyers in Crowell & Moring's Los Angeles office get the results clients demand in complex, high-stakes securities litigation. Our trial experience on both sides of the courtroom helps us succeed in representing clients in securities litigation as does our experience in key jurisdictions, including New York and Delaware. This experience includes civil class actions, including securities class actions, breach of fiduciary duty actions, and derivative demand actions. We represent the full gamut of securities litigation defendants including issuers, underwriters and accountants.

## Transactions

Our Los Angeles lawyers, together with their colleagues in our other offices, counsel and represent clients in a wide range of transactional and corporate organization matters. These include mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property licensing, commercial contracts, corporate governance, real property leasing, joint ventures, ecommerce transactions, employment and consulting agreements and stock option plans, business formation and start-up planning, venture capital investments and securities matters. Our clients range from large public and private companies to emerging companies in a wide range of industries, and we have particular expertise in government contracts and the construction, life sciences, medical device and health care industries. More than just corporate legal advice, solid business judgment and creative problem solving underlie all of our work.