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Ariel Glasner is an experienced litigator serving clients dealing with a wide range of high profile criminal and civil matters including:

- financial fraud;
- public corruption and bribery;
- the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act;
- environmental crimes;
- healthcare fraud;
- the False Claims Act; and
- allegations of professional misconduct.

Ariel represents individuals and companies across a broad swath of industries, including healthcare, energy, maritime, government contracting, and the public sector, in connection with matters pending in court and internal corporate investigations and audits examining potential wrongdoing. Ariel also advises clients in connection with the implementation of strong corporate compliance programs, including Anti-Money Laundering and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act policies.

Ariel strives to anticipate the complex legal issues his clients may face. In this regard, Ariel is an active thought leader at the firm. He is a member of the firm's blockchain technology working group and regularly publishes articles and speaks concerning a host of topics, including:

- regulatory enforcement in the FinTech industry, including with respect to initial coin offerings and cryptocurrencies;
- trends in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act prosecutions and investigations;
- how companies should respond to reports of potential wrongdoing; and

- trends in environmental and maritime criminal enforcement.

Select Engagements

- Conducted internal investigation on behalf of an international fuel refiner and its external financial auditor into allegations of fraud in connection with proposed refinancing.
- Defended business owner charged with multiple counts of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Negotiated extremely favorable plea agreement resulting in expectation of no jail time.
- On behalf of foreign vessel owner and operator charged with multiple criminal violations of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships, negotiated a successful resolution with the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Crimes Section that resulted in repatriation of vessel and crew, and avoided any criminal prosecution of individual crewmembers for the alleged misconduct.
- Represented a large regional medical center in connection with a multi-year investigation and prosecution of a medical center physician for health care fraud.
- Conducted internal investigation on behalf of an international nonprofit organization's management and board of directors following allegations of mail and wire fraud by the organization's former CFO. As a result of the organization's internal investigation, matter was referred for criminal prosecution to federal prosecutors, who then obtained conviction against the individual for serial embezzlement from numerous companies.
- Represent former government contractors in connection with federal lawsuits filed under the False Claims Act and the Alien Tort Statute.
- Defended merchant producer of foundry coke in trial on charges of violations of the Clean Air Act and the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act in the Western District of New York.
- Assisted in the representation of executives of a South African subsidiary of a Japanese energy company in connection with DOJ and SEC investigations into potential violations of the FCPA's anti-bribery and books and records provisions.
- Represent public and elected officials in connection with various federal investigations and prosecutions into alleged wrongdoing, such as federal program bribery and the making of false statements.
- Represented executive of a Japanese auto-parts company on charges of U.S. antitrust violations. Negotiated favorable resolution that involved minimal period of incarceration.

Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- District of Columbia
- Maryland

- New York
- U.S. District Court - District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court - Maryland

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Education

- University of Pennsylvania, BS, magna cum laude
- New York University School of Law, JD

Recognitions

- 2018, listed in Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll
- 2014–2016, Blank Rome Pro Bono Award

Professional Activities

Ariel is a leader in the firm's pro bono engagement and serves on the D.C. office pro bono committee. His pro bono activities and accomplishments include:

- Obtained dismissal of all charges for defendant charged with felony rioting in the District of Columbia in connection with 2016 inauguration protest.
- Served as plaintiff's counsel in successful 2016 federal civil rights suit to enforce Maryland inmate's request to practice his Native American religion.
- Coordinated Firm-wide participation in the Clemency Project 2014.
- Serves as trained mediator to resolve civil disputes in D.C. Superior Court.

Ariel is an active member of the D.C. Bar Association, currently serving on its Attorney/Client Arbitration Board. He previously served on the D.C. Bar Sections Council Programs Committee and as a member of the Steering Committee for the D.C. Bar, Criminal Law and Individual Rights section.