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White Collar Defense &
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Rither Alabre, a former prosecutor and federal law clerk, concentrates his practice in the areas of white collar defense and investigations and complex commercial and corporate litigation, handling high profile cases throughout the country.

Rither represents public and private companies and high level executives in a wide variety of matters, such as:

- criminal prosecutions and grand jury investigations by federal and state prosecutors involving securities fraud, antitrust, public corruption, government contracts, FCPA, tax, money laundering, and bank fraud
- corporate internal investigations
- SEC and other federal regulatory proceedings

Rither has extensive appellate experience and has briefed and argued over 50 cases in federal and state courts, including the New York Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Before joining Blank Rome, Rither served as a law clerk to the Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston Division), one of the busiest federal courts in the country. Rither was also a prosecutor in New York City. As a prosecutor, Rither was a supervisor and was responsible for search warrant applications, subpoenas, questioning of suspects, and arrest authorization in major felony cases, including homicide cases.

Rither is fluent in French and Creole, and is proficient in Spanish.

Outside The Firm

Rither enjoys tennis, soccer, biking, and winds down by reading Latin.

Select Engagements

- A multibillion-dollar public company, in a criminal fraud investigation by New York authorities.
- A major accounting firm, in an investigation regarding \$10 million embezzlement.
- A construction company, in a criminal investigation alleging enterprise corruption, fraud, bribery, and antitrust violations.
- A former CEO of a public company, in a criminal investigation by the Kingdom of Spain and parallel extradition proceedings in the United States.
- A former CEO of a public company, in federal securities fraud prosecution involving more than \$60 million, and parallel SEC proceedings.
- A New York politician, in an obstruction of justice prosecution by New York federal prosecutors.
- An attorney, in a federal immigration fraud case by the SDNY U.S. Attorney's Office.
- An individual, in federal and state investigations alleging multimillion dollar offshore internet gambling operation.
- A pharmacy and its owner, in a criminal tax investigation.
- The Estate of Michael Jackson, against a production company in a copyright infringement case in the Southern District of New York.
- One of the world's largest energy companies, in a multimillion-dollar breach of contract case against a New York municipality.
- A biomedical research company, in claims for corporate theft, theft of intellectual property, fraud, and patent infringement.
- Member of the Firm's Madoff Task Force, representing companies and individuals affected by the failure of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC.

Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Memberships

- District Attorneys Association of the State of New York
- New York State Bar Association
- The Guild of Catholic Lawyers

Education

- St. John's University, BA, summa cum laude
- Hofstra University School of Law, JD

Recognitions

- Pro Bono Award, by Blank Rome

Professional Activities

Rither is actively involved in pro bono service and has received the Blank Rome Pro Bono Award for his service. Rither's pro bono matters include:

- a unanimous appellate reversal of an unfavorable trial court decision on behalf of a pro bono client
- dismissal of all charges against a minor in a criminal prosecution