

Joshua M. Robbins

Orange County, California
Shareholder

P (949) 224-6284
F (949) 720-0182
jrobbins@buchalter.com

Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

White Collar & Investigations; Litigation; Health Care Law; Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility



"[A] top-notch litigator; superb legal writer; and skilled wordsmith who transforms complex legal arguments into simple and compelling narratives in the courtroom." – Benchmark Litigation

Josh Robbins, a former federal prosecutor, is the Chair of the Firm's White Collar and Investigations Practice. Mr. Robbins has led trials, appeals, and investigations involving hundreds of millions of dollars and major government enforcement proceedings, representing Fortune 500 companies, sovereign governments, and prominent individuals. His matters have involved allegations of criminal health care fraud, False Claims Act violations, civil and criminal securities fraud, tax evasion, and bank fraud, as well as complex business disputes. Many of his cases have received national and international public attention, including matters reported in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, CNN, and CNBC.

Mr. Robbins previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, where he was lead counsel in various federal jury trials and appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, as well as numerous grand jury investigations of fraud, kickbacks, and corruption. Among other matters, he led the prosecution of a \$900 million health care kickback scheme described as the largest insurance fraud case in California history. For his work on a major securities fraud trial, he was awarded the SEC's Director's Award for Criminal Coordination.

Before joining the Firm, Mr. Robbins also led the white collar defense practice of an elite boutique litigation firm, and practiced at two major international law firms, where he represented clients in matters ranging from Supreme Court appeals to international treaty-based arbitrations to DOJ and SEC investigations.

Mr. Robbins is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College. After law school, he served as law clerk for the Honorable Stanley Marcus of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Professional Activities

- President, Harvard Law School Association of Orange County

Representative Matters

Government Investigations and Enforcement

- Lead counsel for national medical supply company in DOJ investigation into suspected health care fraud and kickback scheme
- Lead counsel for health care provider in DOJ investigation of alleged fraud and kickback scheme, as well as related civil rights lawsuit and parallel \$80 million civil litigation
- Co-lead counsel for plaintiff in major RICO lawsuit against global religious organization for human trafficking and forced labor violations
- Lead counsel for behavioral health company in investigation by state attorney general

- Lead counsel for marketing company and its CEO in SEC and DOJ investigations
- As prosecutor, led investigation and prosecution of \$900 million healthcare kickback and public corruption investigation involving spinal surgeries
- As prosecutor, led trials of \$170 million securities fraud scheme, \$200 million tax fraud scheme, and \$70 million health care fraud scheme

Business Trials and Appeals

- Lead counsel for multinational company in \$200 million federal antitrust and RICO lawsuit
- Lead trial counsel for major national marketing company in \$100 million arbitration involving fraud in M&A transaction
- Lead trial counsel for a Maltese investment company in a \$200 million arbitration against the government of Austria
- Co-lead appellate and trial counsel for executive in \$100 million dispute with auto dealership company regarding fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract
- Co-lead trial counsel for auto dealership executive in multi-million dollar arbitration against leading national dealership chain
- Co-lead counsel for IT services company in international litigation and arbitration regarding theft of trade secrets and breach of cross-border service contract

Publications

- Buchalter COVID-19 Client Alert: Entrapment-by-Estoppel: A Potential Future Defense for Lenders in PPP Fraud Cases, *Buchalter Client Alert*, September 15, 2020
- First Circuit Decision Underlines Risk of Criminal HIPAA Enforcement, *Buchalter Client Alert*, August 19, 2020
- From Frying Pan to Fire: Strategic Issues When Reimbursement Disputes Turn Into Criminal Investigations, *Buchalter Client Alert*, July 28, 2020
- DOJ Criminal Health Care Enforcement: It's Not Just for Federal Programs Anymore, *Buchalter Client Alert*, July 14, 2020
- Flynn Dismissal Raises Bar(r) for False Statements Prosecutions, *The Daily Journal*, May 13, 2020
- COVID-19 Test Providers, Beware Kickback Enforcement Tool, *Law360*, April 16, 2020
- 5th Amendment Strategy For Parallel Civil, Criminal Litigation, *Law360*, August 8, 2019
- Taking the Fifth in Parallel Criminal and Civil Proceedings, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, July 22, 2019
- New Lessons About Data Breaches And Insider Trading, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, July 11, 2018
- Once More Unto The Breach, *Criminal Justice*, April 1, 2018
- Gag Orders on Grand Jury Subpoenas to Banks: The Next First Amendment Frontier?, *California Lawyer*, December 12, 2017
- In Microsoft Case, the Supreme Court Considers Law Enforcement Power in a Globalized and Digital World, *Orange County Register*, December 1, 2017
- Growing Risk of Insider Trading on Data Breaches, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, October 19, 2017
- When Trade Secrets Cases Go Criminal: Part 2, *Law360*, June 28, 2017
- When Trade Secrets Cases Go Criminal: Part 1, *Law360*, June 27, 2017
- Waymo v. Uber: A Harbinger of Fifth Amendment Challenges in Corporate Investigations?, *California Lawyer*, June 26, 2017

Presentations

- Speaker, "Health Care Fraud Investigations: An Insider's View," Orange County Bar Association, Health Care Section, October 10, 2019
- Speaker, "Stepping Through the Minefield: Legal and Ethical Issues in Internal Investigations," Orange County Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section, July 8, 2019
- Speaker, "Hard Lessons in the MeToo Era," Orange County Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section, July 18, 2018
- Speaker, "When Trade Secrets Go Criminal," Bridgeport CLE Webinar, November 2, 2017
- Speaker, "Hard Lessons from Recent Disasters Such as Wells Fargo and Yahoo," Orange County Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section, August 8, 2017

Education

Mr. Robbins received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School. He received his M.A.L.D. from Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and his A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College, where he was awarded the John Harvard Scholarship.

Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California