

TRAILBLAZERS

WHITE COLLAR CRIME

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PIONEER SPIRIT F. Joseph Warin believes he was destined to be a trial lawyer from birth. His father was a trial lawyer, uncle was a prosecutor and two older brothers are lawyers. Mr. Warin served as Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C., from 1976-83. In that capacity, he was awarded a Special Achievement award by the Attorney General. As a prosecutor, he tried more than 50 jury trials. Joseph Warin, currently, is a partner with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and chairman of the Washington, D.C. Office's litigation department. Mr. Warin also serves as co-chair of the firm's white collar defense and investigations practice group.

TRAILS BLAZED Mr. Warin's areas of expertise include white collar crime and securities enforcement. He has handled cases in more than 35 states and in more than 60 foreign countries. Mr. Warin highlighted the representation of Joseph Cassano, a former senior executive of AIG Inc. The unrelenting press coverage created a drumroll vilifying of Mr. Cassano and purportedly linking the unit's transactions to financial collapse of the U.S. economy. The Gibson Dunn team decided to engage with the prosecutors and regulators from the beginning providing an enormous deep dive into the facts, reconstructing minute-by-minute and day-by-day extremely complicated issues and putting them against the landscape of their client's good faith beliefs. After a very comprehensive investigation, the government informed Gibson Dunn and Mr. Cassano that they had closed the investigation. Mr. Warin's strategy of using a proactive approach of engaging the government instead of a more predictable and safer defense posture made the difference and resulted in an extraordinary result for our client.

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS Mr. Warin foresees a continued globalization of criminal and civil investigations and prosecutions. He further notes that Gibson Dunn's lawyers will need to forge the new paradigm of how to convince multinational regulators and prosecutors to avoid penalties and duplicative sanctions for the same conduct.