

A. Scott Bolden

Partner



A. Scott Bolden is the current Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C., office and former At-Large Member on the Executive Committee of the firm. As a prominent trial and white collar defense lawyer to whom companies and individuals turn for representation in their most significant concerns, Scott has handled some of the most high-profile matters in and outside the nation's capital and is very comfortable handling matters on the national stage. He is particularly adept at assisting clients in navigating crises that present significant legal, business and reputational risks.

As part of his multifaceted litigation practice, Scott has defended clients in local and federal courts in connection with civil RICO claims; fraud, including health care fraud, and breach of contract; False Claims Act violations; education matters; government contract claims and disputes; tort claims; and other commercial and regulatory litigation issues.

With respect to his white collar criminal defense practice, Scott has defended individuals and corporate clients in state and federal trials and grand jury proceedings in connection with money laundering, federal and state tax fraud, bank fraud, financial structuring, and other white collar criminal issues; conducted internal investigations for major public and private corporations; conducted SEC investigations and prosecutions, as well as corporate compliance with the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; and defended witnesses in depositions before House and Senate investigation committees.

For his work in defending his clients, Scott was recognized by his alma mater, Howard University, with the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award in the Field of Law. He is also a former recipient of the Washington Business Journal's Top Lawyer in the White Collar Crime category, while The Washington Post, following a significant court victory, declared Scott, Washington's newest "super lawyer" and the "go to lawyer" for individuals and corporations with issues against and before the federal and local governments.

Representative Matters

Civil/Commercial Litigation

- Led the defense of a large aerospace company under investigation by OSHA and the EPA for alleged safety and environmental violations in connection with the use and handling of Hex Chromium products on several U.S. Air Force bases around the country.
- Prosecuted trade secret, conspiracy and breach of contract claims for a multi-billion dollar aerospace company in federal district court and the 11th Circuit.
- Defended one of the largest real estate companies in the United States in a targeted civil OIG investigation of the company regarding performance issues, and whether the company acted in bad faith and committed fraud in brokering rental agreements on behalf of a U.S. government agency.
- Successfully settled a multimillion-dollar government contract claim against the chief financial officer of the District of Columbia, for a Fortune 500, publicly traded IT company, whose contract was terminated for cause.
- Obtained dismissal of claims in defending a large IT company against claims for false advertising and unfair competition regarding license and ownership rights for budgeting software used by major federal government agencies.

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Education

Howard University School of Law, 1987, J.D., Received a number of awards and scholarships

Court Admissions

Supreme Court - United States

U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court - District of Columbia

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Michigan

Professional Admissions

District of Columbia

New York

Illinois

- On behalf of plaintiff members, prosecuted several claims of fraud, theft and embezzlement against the largest African American sorority in the country.

White Collar Criminal Defense Litigation

- Successfully defended large real estate advisory company and its CEO in parallel proceedings against the SEC, DOJ and civil claims brought by a Michigan pension fund.
- Successfully defended a large African-based commercial real estate development company in parallel proceedings involving DOJ civil and criminal proceedings, as well as the IRS, for financial structuring claims – the largest such case in the history of Virginia and the 4th Circuit.
- Defended the “third” White House dinner crasher under investigation by the Secret Service and DOJ for fraud and possible violations of federal law.
- Sought and obtained dismissal of all charges against one of the lead defendants in a \$50 million theft from the District of Columbia Office of Tax & Revenue – the largest tax fraud case in the history of the nation's capitol.
- Successfully defended high-profile NFL football player under federal investigation for assault and witness tampering charges.

Honors and Awards

- UNCF Masked Ball Leadership Award (2016)
- Greater Washington Urban League Presidents Award for Service (2016)
- Howard University School of Law Alumni Association Leadership Award (2016)
- Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers - Criminal Defense; White Collar (2013-2017)
- 2014 Presidential Star Award, The National Bar Association
- 2014 Champion of Law & Public Service Award, Morehouse College Alumni Association D.C. Chapter
- Howard University's Distinguished Alumni Award in the Field of Law (2013)
- Recreation Wish List Committee's Chairman's Award, and naming and dedication of the Bolden Room at the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center in Washington, D.C.(2012)
- D.C. Chamber of Commerce, Chamber's Choice Business Leadership Award (2012)
- 34th Annual Leadership Award, Gertrude Stein Democratic Club (2010)
- D.C. Public School Community Service Award, Jefferson Junior High School (2006)
- D.C. Water and Sewer Authority's Distinguished Public Service Award (2003)
- D.C. Bar Board of Governor's Service Recognition (2002)
- Leadership Washington Graduate (1997)

Publications

- 1985 "Constitutional Law - The Fourth Amendment Protective Order for Non-Violent Fleeing Felons"
Howard Law Journal

Speaking Engagements

- 2007-2017 Annual guest lecturer at Howard University School of Law
"Defending an SEC Investigation"

Public Appearances

- Appeared on CNN, Fox National News, Fox Business News, TV-One, "Good Morning America," "ESPN," ABC's "20/20," WUSA, WJLA, WTTG Fox 5, WTOP, WHUR, and NBC 4 to discuss issues relating to civil and criminal cases pending in local and federal courts across the country.

Notable Quotes

- 12 March 2014 "Mayor Vincent Gray Faces Uphill Battle in Quest for Second Term" [The Afro-American](#)
- 11 March 2014 "Gray Comes Out Fighting Accusations in Fund Scheme" [The Washington Times](#)
- 5 March 2013 "Brother of Former D.C. Council Chairman Sentenced to Three Months in Prison" [The Washington Post](#)
- 26 February 2013 "Albert Haynesworth Completes Community Service; Conviction Dismissed" [The Washington Post](#)
- 8 February 2013 "Jim Graham: 'I am not resigning'" [Washington Post Blog](#)
- 4 February 2013 "Law Firm Leaders Q&A: Reed Smith's A. Scott Bolden" [The BLT: The Blog of LegalTimes An ALM Publication](#)
- Summer 2013 "Notable Alumni" [Howard Magazine](#)
- 18 September 2014 "Ex-Worker 'Happy but in Shock' Over Case Dismissal" [The Washington Post](#)

Clerkships

- Judge Luke Moore, Superior Court - District of Columbia

Professional and Community Affiliations

- National Bar Association Political Action Committee—Chairman, Board of Directors (2017)
- Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies – Member, Board of Governors (2013 - present)
- Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia – Member, Board of Directors (2012 - 2015)
- Economic Club of Washington, D.C. – Member (1998 - present)
- Howard University School of Law – Member, Board of Visitors (2011 - present)
- Federal City Council - Member, Executive Board (2008 - 2013)
- Candidate for D.C. Council, At Large (2006)
- Individual Development Corporation – Board of Directors (1999 - 2013)
- D.C. Chamber of Commerce – Former Member, Board of Directors (1998 - 2013)
- D.C. Chamber of Commerce – Former Chairman (1998)
- District of Columbia Bar – Board of Governors (1999 - 2003)
- D.C. Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee – Chairman (2000-2002)
- D.C. Democratic State Committee – Former Chair (2002 - 2004)
- D.C. Water and Sewer Authority – Former Board Member (1998 - 2002)
- District Court of the District of Columbia's Committee on Grievances – Member (1998 - 2003)
- Sequoia National Bank – Former Director (1998 - 2004)
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Life Member)