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Alex G. Romain is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Milbank LLP and a member of the firm's Litigation and Arbitration Group. Mr. Romain is a leading national trial lawyer with more than 20 years of experience representing individuals and corporations in high-stakes complex commercial litigation, white collar defense, and internal investigations.

Primary Focus & Experience

Mr. Romain's relentless advocacy has led to exemplary results for his clients. He was a member of the trial team that exonerated the late Sen. Ted Stevens, playing a key role in pursuing the exculpatory evidence that ultimately led to the senator's exoneration. *The American Lawyer* described his team's work on the case as "one of the best criminal defense performances in memory, resulting in a heightened scrutiny of prosecutors that will affect the Justice Department for years to come."

Mr. Romain successfully represented the Baltimore Ravens and several of its senior personnel in connection with the independent investigation conducted by former FBI Director Robert Mueller into the National Football League's handling of the Ray Rice domestic violence incident.

As lead counsel, Mr. Romain represented a leading global professional services company in an \$830 million actuarial malpractice and breach of contract lawsuit brought by the City of Houston in connection with the city's \$6.2 billion pension crisis. Mr. Romain also successfully represented the former chairman and CEO of Fannie Mae against securities fraud claims in which the plaintiff sought more than \$2 billion in damages, and the court awarded his client summary judgment on all counts.

Mr. Romain has successfully defended numerous law firms, accounting firms, and actuarial firms against claims of professional negligence and malpractice and on conflicts issues. He has also defended individuals and corporations against allegations of campaign finance violations, obstruction of justice, bank fraud, environmental pollution, theft, fraudulent misappropriation, and attempted murder.

Mr. Romain is a classically trained pianist and serves on the boards of the Los Angeles Master Chorale and the Alliance for Children's Rights.

Representative Experience

Commercial Litigation

- Lead counsel advising **Harvard University** in connection with confidential litigation matter.
- As lead investigation and trial counsel, defended a global professional services company in connection with the Department of Justice Antitrust Division's investigation and trial regarding the proposed mergers of **Anthem with Cigna** and **Aetna with Humana**.
- As trial counsel, obtained a favorable settlement for a leading regional airline in a nationally prominent wrongful termination and defamation case brought by a former pilot. The case was **featured on CBS's "60 Minutes."**
- Successfully defended an international, New York-based law firm against a **\$1.6 billion corporate meltdown claim** brought by a bankruptcy trustee.
- Successfully represented a for-profit college in connection with consumer fraud investigations by the **US Senate Committee** on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions and **various State Attorneys General**.
- Successfully defended a for-profit college in an arbitration in connection with allegations of false representations and **fraudulent recruiting practices**.
- Won summary judgment on all eight counts in a **\$500 million legal malpractice suit** against an international law firm.
- As lead attorney investigator, defended a **California utility company** against claims arising out of the Thomas Fire in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and the Montecito mudslides. At the time, the fires were regarded to be the **largest in California history**.
- Successfully defended the former chief financial officer of a major, international oil services company in connection with an SEC enforcement investigation involving allegations of accounting fraud, after which the **SEC declined to bring any charges** against client.
- Successfully represented a leading global professional services company in an **ERISA breach of fiduciary duty lawsuit** in the Southern District of New York, along with corresponding investigations by the US Securities and Exchange Commission and the US Attorney's Office.

White Collar

- As co-lead trial counsel, defended owner of a health care company in a **two-week federal criminal trial** in Little Rock, on six counts of bribery, conspiracy, and honest services fraud.
- Defended a DC businessman in connection with a Department of Justice investigation into the financing of a **"shadow campaign"** on behalf of DC's former mayor, Vincent Gray, and against charges of **obstruction of justice** and **campaign finance violations**.
- Defended a leading cruise line company in a grand jury investigation regarding alleged **environmental pollution**.
- Lead counsel defending healthcare company in connection with grand jury investigation of **alleged accounting fraud**.

- As lead trial counsel in a pro bono matter, defended the accused in a week-long trial on charges of **attempted murder**.

Recognition & Accomplishments

Mr. Romain has been selected multiple times to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Lawyers in America" and named a *Benchmark* California Litigation Star since 2017. Mr. Romain is recognized by Southern California *Superlawyers* and was selected to *Savoy Magazine's* 2015 list of Most Influential Black Lawyers. Mr. Romain was named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* List of the Most Influential Minority Attorneys in Los Angeles (2019) and has been featured as a "Minority Powerbroker" by *Law 360*. He has also been recognized by *The Recorder* and *Attorney at Law Magazine* as Attorney of the Month.

Prior to moving to California, Mr. Romain spent 10 years as a litigation partner at Williams & Connolly LLP, in Washington, DC. Before joining private practice, he clerked for Judge Reginald C. Lindsay of the US District Court of the District of Massachusetts, and then for Judge Sandra L. Lynch of the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. During law school, he worked for the Hon. Deval Patrick at the Department of Justice, in the Office of the Attorney General for Civil Rights, where he received the US Attorney General's Special Commendation Award for Outstanding Service.

Selected Speaking Engagements

- "Fraud: Tips for Prevention, Detection, and Investigation," Presenter, Seminar – Institute of Internal Auditors (2019)
- "Handling Government Investigations: Perspectives for Internal Audit," Presenter, Institute of Internal Auditors, San Gabriel Valley Chapter (2019)
- "Social Media & Legal Ethics," CLE Presentation (2019)
- "Pension and Benefit Litigation Case Studies," Panelist, International Pension & Employee Benefits Lawyers Association Conference (2019)
- "The Interplay of Ethics & Compliance," Guest Lecturer, USC Gould School of Law (2019)
- "Tips for Structuring a Compliance Program," Guest Lecturer, USC Gould School of Law (2019)
- "Tips for Enforcing a Compliance Program," Guest Lecturer, USC Gould School of Law (2019)
- "Non-Profit Boards: A Guide to Service," CLE Presentation (2018)
- "Secondary Actor Liability Under State Securities Statutes," American Bar Association National Legal Malpractice Conference (2017)
- "The Nuts and Bolts of Government Investigations," CLE presentation (2017)
- "Defending the High-Profile Client," SDA Attorneys' Conference (2016)
- "Current Issues in Criminal Justice Reform," SDA Attorneys' Conference (2016)

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

Yale University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

California

New York

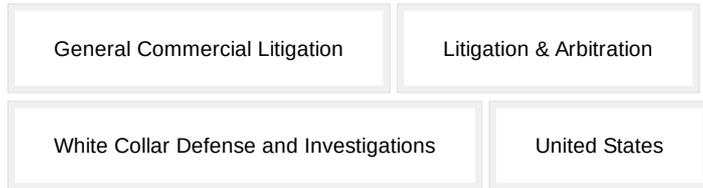
District of Columbia

CLERKSHIPS

Judge Reginald C. Lindsay, United States District Court of the District of Massachusetts

Judge Sandra L. Lynch, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

EXPERIENCE



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