

Robert A. Johnston, Jr., Former GC-Asia at Sculptor, Joins Lowenstein as Partner in Firm's White Collar Criminal Defense Practice

Lowenstein Sandler has announced that Robert A. Johnston, Jr. has joined the firm as partner in its White Collar Criminal Defense group. He will be based in the New York office.

Johnston's practice includes investigations, regulatory counseling, pre- and post-transaction due diligence and monitoring, and compliance monitorships, with a special focus on representing private fund managers and portfolio companies and advising on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), anti-money laundering (AML), and trade sanctions compliance. His previous experience includes investigations and compliance projects in over 30 countries across six continents and matters involving the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commissions, and other state and local regulatory bodies, across a wide range of sectors, including technology, life sciences, consumer and retail, and financial services and private equity.

Prior to joining Lowenstein, Johnston held several compliance and legal roles at Sculptor Capital Management, formerly known as Och-Ziff Capital Management, one of the world's largest publicly traded institutional alternative asset managers. Most recently, he served as Sculptor's Managing Director and General Counsel-Asia; previously, he served as Deputy Chief Compliance Officer. During his five years at Sculptor, he developed an industry-leading FCPA and AML compliance program

that included the implementation of numerous proprietary, web-based, technological solutions and controls.

Before Sculptor, Johnston practiced securities litigation at Jones Day with a focus on internal investigations, white collar criminal defense, compliance advice, and M&A due diligence. He spent one year in the firm's Shanghai office, where he acted on behalf of multinational corporations investigating allegations of bribery, corruption, and fraud in their Chinese and East Asian operations. He has experience with investigations on behalf of U.S. and foreign companies into alleged violations of AML, FCPA, OFAC, and RICO; accounting fraud; securities fraud; procurement fraud; vendor fraud; illegal gratuities; tax evasion; and employee embezzlement and misconduct throughout the world.

Earlier in his career, Johnston was associated with DLA Piper. Fluent in French and Spanish, he received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and his B.A. from Georgetown University.