

# Tom Firestone Joins Stroock as White Collar and Internal Investigations Partner

In a continued expansion of both its D.C. office and regulatory and compliance practices, Stroock welcomed partner Tom Firestone as co-chair of its White Collar & Internal Investigations practice group and partner in the National Security, CFIUS and Compliance and Litigation groups.

Tom is nationally recognized as an authority on white collar and international organized crime, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, anti-corruption compliance, sanctions, anti-money laundering, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and Interpol and extradition matters. Tom's extensive background in government service and private practice contribute additional depth to the firm's client services and complement its national security, litigation and Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) practices.

"Anti-corruption matters and investigations are increasing with the rise in enforcement and global cooperation," said Alan Klinger, Stroock's Co-Managing Partner. "Tom is a tremendously impressive practitioner with invaluable, remarkably deep experience. His unique background and perspective will further strengthen our bench as we guide clients through the increasingly complex landscape of government regulation and enforcement."

Tom represents major multinational companies and individuals in sensitive government investigations and compliance matters related to anti-corruption, money laundering, fraud, sanctions and national security. He has led cross-border investigations, served as global compliance counsel to a major multinational corporation, served as part of a monitor team and has

represented individuals in Interpol proceedings and extradition cases. He joins from Baker & McKenzie, where he co-chaired its North America government enforcement practice and

served as a member of its Global Compliance and Investigations Steering Committee. He is also recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the area of white collar criminal defense.

Prior to entering private practice, Tom spent 14 years at the U.S. Department of Justice as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York prosecuting domestic and international organized crime. While with the DOJ, he also served as Resident Legal Advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. He has testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and UK House of Lords about international organized crime, corruption, and money laundering, twice won the State Department Superior Honor Award, and drafted the original version of the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act, currently pending before Congress.

Stroock's White Collar & Internal Investigations attorneys are steeped in prosecutorial and judicial experience. The team includes former assistant U.S. attorneys, federal judges and a former branch chief of the SEC's Division of Enforcement. The group conducts complex internal investigations for boards of directors, board committees, corporations and individuals in connection with financial services regulatory and compliance matters, government enforcement actions, government contracting and workplace issues.

"A seasoned team is critical to guiding clients through the complexities and sensitivities of compliance and investigations work," Firestone said. "I look forward to working with Stroock's team to guide our clients in mitigating risk and maximizing positive outcomes."

Tom earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School, his M.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, and his B.A. from

Harvard College.