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Latham & Watkins

- **What was the biggest challenge you faced in the past year and how did you adjust to it?** Last year, COVID-19 still imposed significant hurdles to navigate in order to secure favorable outcomes for our clients. For instance, we made the strategic decision to switch from a jury trial to a bench trial in a securities fraud case so the trial didn't get delayed further. We adapted our trial strategy accordingly, which proved successful when our client was acquitted." --Doug Greenburg, Global Chair of the White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice
- **What is a significant case you have handled in the past year and how did it stand-out?** In one of the most highly publicized trials in recent years, under intense political scrutiny, we secured the acquittal of former Perkins Coie partner Michael Sussmann for allegedly lying to the FBI in the first trial of Special Counsel John Durham's examination of the Trump-Russia investigations." – Sean Berkowitz, Global Chair of the Complex Commercial Litigation Practice
- **What makes your firm stand out in this practice area?** Our team consists of strong defense advocates, including former high-



Latham & Watkins partners Doug Greenburg, Sean Berkowitz, and Alice Fisher

ranking government lawyers from Republican and Democratic administrations, who regularly deliver results that dramatically reduce our clients' financial exposure, prevent or navigate through potentially debilitating litigation, and manage possibly brand-destroying public discourse. This year, we secured headline-making trial victories stemming from multi-year investigations and successfully resolved first-of-their-kind enforcement actions in the Fintech industry." – Alice Fisher, Partner and General Counsel