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I grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan in NYC. I received my undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and then went to law school at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. After graduating law school in 1991, I started my legal career at the firm of Akin, Gump also in Washington. After three years, I began working as a Federal Prosecutor in the Criminal Division, Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), where I worked for the next 15 years. At DOJ, I led high profile criminal investigations and tried numerous cases in Federal Courts around the U.S. My cases included trying high profile defendants accused of bank fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud securities fraud, and bribery. I also handled a number of FCPA investigations. I received numerous awards and commendations for the investigations that I

led and cases I tried. After leaving the DOJ in 2006, I joined MicroStrategy, a software and technology Company in Tysons Corner, Virginia, where I held various executive roles including, Associate General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Risk Management and Human Resources. At MicroStrategy, I implemented a cutting edge compliance and risk management program including setting up an FCPA due diligence regime and overseeing the Company's insurance and litigation functions. I joined DRT in 2016.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT AMONG OTHER ATTORNEYS?

I offer clients the unique combination of an attorney who has the experience and perspective of practicing both in the Federal Government as a prosecutor and having worked at the top ranks of a publicly traded company.

MENTION SOME OF YOUR RECENT SUCCESSFUL REPRESENTATIONS

Recently, I've represented victims of a multi-million dollar real estate note breach of contract and fraud scheme and helped investors recover lost funds. I've also represented a corporate executive alleged to have taken confidential information from a former employer and served as plaintiffs' counsel for employees wrongfully terminated from a large Public Insurance Adjusting firm. I've represented individuals in making whistleblower complaints to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN LAW?

I developed an interest in criminal law after working as an investigator for the Federal Defender Service in Washington and having my own small private investigation firm. I loved investigating complex criminal cases before entering law school and was able to use those skills at the DOJ.



WHAT ADVICE COULD YOU GIVE TO A YOUNG ATTORNEY?

I would advise young attorneys to try to pick an area of specialty early in their careers.. but also be open to new opportunities that may arise. Sometimes the best opportunities are behind doors that you may not even know exist when you are early in your career. For example, in law school I could never have imagined how much I would learn when my career took an unexpected turn and I ended up working at public software company.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

My hobbies include playing golf and póker, as well as collecting art and travelling.

ARE YOU A SPORTS FAN? WHAT SPORT? WHAT'S YOUR TEAM?

I am a huge baseball and football fan. My favorite teams include the New York Yankees, Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Giants and Michigan Wolverines.

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE?

I like most types of music including Classic Rock, Alternative and Jazz.

FAVORITE BOOK/AUTHOR

The Black Swan by Nassim Taleb.
