

Criminal Defense

Plunkett Cooney's Criminal Law Practice Group defends individuals, corporations, public entities and their employees who are being investigated or accused of committing white-collar crimes. These allegations can include, but are not limited to, tax evasion, embezzlement, money laundering, insider trading or the violation of any one of the many fraud statutes.

With the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on July 30, 2002, and the formation of the Justice Department's Corporate Fraud Task Force shortly thereafter, the federal government has taken a tougher stance on white-collar crime. Faced with these new enforcement tools and their stringent penalties, corporations and public entities need to be aware of the changes in the law and the potential pitfalls presented.

Plunkett Cooney's attorneys help business organizations formulate corporate compliance programs and retool existing policies to meet the ever-changing federal and state criteria. Not only do such formal, comprehensive, and effective programs help deter crime, they help mitigate the liability of the corporation and the potential personal liability to its officers.