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William L. Richey, of Counsel

William L. Richey is recognized as the pioneering leader in international asset recovery in the United States. As the lead counsel in significant asset recovery cases, Mr. Richey has returned hundreds of millions of dollars to numerous clients ranging from high net worth individuals to foreign governments to high profile financial institutions. He has recovered assets located within five of seven continents worldwide.

Mr. Richey tries jury cases for plaintiffs and defendants in highly complex business fraud matters in civil court. He also defends individuals and corporations before state and federal regulatory agencies and also those accused of criminal fraud, violations of securities laws, money laundering, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, and criminal tax violations in state and federal courts. In matters involving criminal investigations, Mr. Richey has achieved notable success in avoiding criminal charges and in negotiating favorable resolutions with the government.

Representative Cases

- Represented a minority shareholder in an international arbitration regarding a breach of contractual rights, obtaining a \$617 million settlement after a partial award was entered.
- Conducted a successful asset recovery investigation for Banco Noroeste of Brazil wherein more than \$150 million was recovered.
- Represented a prominent Florida lawyer who was a member and on the board of directors of a national law firm against charges of racketeering and money laundering, resulting during jury selection in the government's offer of a plea to two second degree misdemeanor counts for failure to file a form resulting in no imprisonment and no loss of his license.
- Demonstrated innovative strategy in the mid-1980s by filing simultaneous actions in five countries, freezing assets and executing civil search warrants against

the Garcia-Granados family on behalf of Swiss Bank Corporation.

- Represented an individual charged as part of a major securities fraud sting by the federal government, resulting in the only sentence of no incarceration in that sting.
- Represented the offshore subsidiary of an important Venezuelan bank in Los Angeles against civil money laundering charges, resulting in the government's dismissal of the action and the return of \$5 million that had been frozen by the government in New York.
- Synchronized freezing of assets in several countries concurrently with a civil search and break and enter order within New York City for Banque Nationale de Paris.
- Retained by a major international corporation dealing with allegations of FCPA violations in multiple Latin American countries to conduct an internal investigation.
- Retained by Dubai Islamic Bank to investigate commercial fraud and recover \$242 million stolen by Mr. Sissoko.
- Conducted successful asset recovery actions for Banco Industrial de Venezuela against Mr. Mederos Suarez, the colorful "King of Pampers" smuggler.
- Represented the owner and president of an important and prominent Florida roofing company charged with organized scheme to defraud and workers compensation fraud, negotiating a plea to the charge of workers compensation fraud with adjudication withheld, no felony record, and no imprisonment.

Former Professional Affiliations

- Florida Comptroller's Money Transmitter Task Force, 1993-94: The Task Force Drafted the Florida Money Transmitter Statute and the suggested regulations.
- Chief Assistant State Attorney for the Office of the State Attorney for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida under State Attorney Janet Reno, 1978-81.
- Chief of the Public Corruption and Organized Crime Division of the Office of the State Attorney for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida under State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein, 1975-76.
- City Manager, Crystal City, Texas, 1970-71.

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 1974.
- Research Fellow, Kennedy School of Politics, 1972-73.
- University of Texas, PhD studies, 1968-69: Graduate Teaching Fellow in the Department of Political Science.
- Saint Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, Master's Degree studies, 1967-68: Graduate Teaching Fellow in the Department of Political Science.
- University of Texas at San Marcos, B.A., 1967.

Bar Admissions

- Florida, 1975
- District of Columbia
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Tax Court

Distinctions

- International Who's Who of Asset Recovery Lawyers 2012
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America for many years as a Best Lawyer in Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration, White Collar Criminal Defense, and Criminal Defense.
- Listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers for many years.
- Highest Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating.
- Listed in Super Lawyers for years.

Languages

- English
- Spanish

Presentations, Appearances, and Publications

- Carlos A. Nunez-Vivas and William Richey of WNF Law, P.L. to speak at the C5 - 23rd Forum - Fraud, Asset Tracing and Recovery, October 22-24, 2012.
- American Bar Association in Washington D.C., 2011: "Following the Money: A Strategic View of the Chase."
- International Association for Asset Recovery, May 2010: Two-Part International Webinar Entitled "Tapping the Powerful Equitable Powers of a Court to Trace and Recover Assets."
- International Association for Asset Recovery in Miami, April 2010: "Mastering the Tools of Asset Recovery, Post-Madoff."
- International Association for Asset Recovery in Las Vegas, November 2009: "After the Banking Meltdown: Recovering Assets of Failed Banks."
- Sao Paulo Centralized Government in Sao Paulo, Brazil, August 2004: "The Coordination of Efforts to Succeed in the Fight Against Fraud, Money Laundering, and Recovery of Embezzled Assets."
- Fourteenth Annual International Money Laundering Conference, Miami 2001: "Money Laundering, Cybercrime, and International Financial Crimes."
- Daily Business Review, March 2000: "Money Laundering."
- The Republic of Colombia, Attorney General's Staff, 1995: "Training Workshop - Anti-Money Laundering With Financial Investigation."
- Florida International Bankers Association, March 1993: "Pretrial Restraint of Substitute Assets."
- Law Journal Seminars-Press Third Annual Seminar in New York, 1990: "Money Laundering, Wire Transfers, and Currency Transactions."
- Florida Pretrial Practice in Criminal Cases, The Florida Bar, February 1987: "Grand Jury Practice."
- Various presentations for the American Bankers Association.
- Panel appearances for the American Bar Association.
- Presentations for the Colombian Bankers Association.