

## Criminal Defense

Schnader is regularly retained to handle significant, complex, and high-profile criminal cases. Our drive to fight zealously for our clients is nothing new to Schnader. Bernard G. Segal helped to found Schnader upon the premise that lawyers have an ongoing "obligation to assume an active role in the pursuit of a just and ordered society, in helping to solve the emerging problems of social, economic and political importance." The Criminal Defense practice group furthers this important mission by ensuring that our clients are afforded all applicable constitutional and statutory protections. The practice group remains cognizant and fully committed to the obligation incumbent upon every lawyer to provide *pro bono* services and to that end regularly represents litigants who lack the means to defend themselves.

### *We are poised to:*

- Advocate for our clients from investigations through trial, plea, and sentencing;
- Conduct comprehensive appellate advocacy including briefing and arguing criminal appeals; and post-conviction motions;
- Represent individuals and organizations in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the country;
- Assist during statewide investigating and federal grand jury matters; and
- Advise on all aspects of SEC enforcement defense.

### *Leaders in the criminal bar*

Members of the Criminal Defense practice group are nationally recognized trial and appellate lawyers. They have been elected to prestigious groups such as the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and the American Law Institute. We hold leadership positions in the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, and bar association groups devoted to appellate practice; we serve on criminal court rules committees; we teach appellate practice courses and lecture on criminal procedure at law schools; we

write and lecture frequently on criminal defense and internal investigations best practices; and are contacted by the media for explanation of criminal and appellate issues in the news.

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