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BIOGRAPHY

Saurish Appleby-Bhattacharjee is a seasoned trial attorney who has extensive experience litigating complex, high-stakes matters in federal and state court. He advises clients in civil and criminal litigation, government enforcement actions (including under criminal fraud and money-laundering statutes, the False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback Statute, and Stark Law), arbitrations, internal investigations, and whistleblower complaints.

Before joining the firm, Saurish served as an Assistant United States Attorney, first in the Central District of California (Los Angeles), and then in Northern District of Illinois (Chicago), where he was a Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Section. In that role, Saurish is best known for serving as co-counsel in a 10-week, billion-dollar fraud trial culminating in guilty verdicts of the top executives of Outcome Health, a Chicago-area healthcare advertising startup. Having built a reputation as a

dogged investigator and fierce courtroom advocate, Saurish's extensive experience offers clients facing governmental inquiries an insider's view into how cases are built and won.

During his eight years as a prosecutor, Saurish tried multiple cases to verdict before federal juries. He also led complex investigations covering a diverse array of white-collar crimes, including bank fraud, honest-services fraud, healthcare fraud, investor fraud, and cybercrime. Saurish also briefed and argued a dozen federal appeals covering constitutional challenges to criminal statutes, criminal procedure, and interpretation of the United States Sentencing Guidelines, among many other complex issues.

While a federal prosecutor, Saurish twice received the FBI Director's Certificate for his role in significant criminal prosecutions in Los Angeles and Chicago, the Excellence in Law Enforcement Award from the Cook County Crime Stoppers, and the prestigious Assistant Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service.

Before his career in government service, Saurish worked as an associate in the Los Angeles offices of two international law firms, where he maintained a diverse civil-litigation practice that included trial and appellate work in state and federal courts, as well as a robust pro-bono docket.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- South Asian Bar Association of Chicago Foundation, Treasurer (2023–present)
- South Asian Bar Association of Southern California Foundation, Grants Chair (2017–2018)
- South Asian Bar Association of North America Leadership Institute, 2022 Fellow

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 2024
- California, 2012

EDUCATION

- University of California-Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2012
- Yale University, B.A., 2009

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Intellectual Property & Technology Disputes
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- White Collar
- Investigations
- False Claims Act
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- Financial Institutions

RESOURCES

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Host, "Global Sporting Events and Corporate Hospitality – Avoiding the Corruption Trap," BCLP CLE Program, July 10, 2024
- Presenter, "Healthcare Fraud Enforcement: Mitigating Risk in 2024 and Beyond," BCLP CLE Program, June 6, 2024
- Panelist, "South Asian Reflections on Being a Prosecutor," South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C., August 3, 2022

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Immediate Action Item for All Employers: Responding to New Immigration Enforcement Activities

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Jan 22, 2025

What Government Contractors Can Expect During the Second Trump Administration

The Trump Administration will most likely move quickly to align the federal government's priorities with the President's own. While the Administration has not detailed all of its plans for government contracting/procurement, government contractors will benefit from examining both actions taken by President Trump during his first administration and statements made by the President during the campaign and transition. Government contractors will potentially see changes made to Federal Acquisition Regulations ("FAR"), executive orders directed towards government contracting, Buy American Act/Trade Agreement Act Enforcement, and changes in spending priorities.

Insights

Nov 21, 2024

Key Takeaways from Snyder v. United States

Snyder v. United States, 144 S. Ct. 1947 (2024), which held that a federal bribery statute (18 U.S.C. § 666) does not criminalize "gratuities"—payments made corruptly to public officials after-the-fact as rewards for their actions—was lauded as a great win for the white-collar bar. But what about the Supreme Court's approach to statutory interpretation in Snyder? Not so great, at least in our view. Snyder's majority opinion provides a playbook for the Supreme Court, in this and future iterations, to engage in a policy-first, text-last approach to statutory interpretation that should make our profession wary, white-collar bar included.

Insights

Sep 30, 2024

DOJ Updates Criteria for Review of Corporate Compliance Programs, Emphasizing AI Issues

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Webinar on demand: Corporate Hospitality- Avoiding The Corruption Trap