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## Introduction

Angelo Calfo is recognized as one of the Northwest's leading trial lawyers. A former federal prosecutor with substantial experience litigating complex civil matters, Angelo has the background to try cases of all varieties. Angelo has been recognized as a preeminent business trial lawyer and white collar criminal defense lawyer by the *Chambers & Partners USA Report* (2006-2016) and by several other legal rating firms. In 2014, *The Best Lawyers in America* named Angelo "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in the area of White Collar Criminal Defense. The Washington Defense Trial Lawyers named Angelo "2015 Outstanding Trial Lawyer" for his successful trial work in civil and criminal cases.

### ***Complex Civil and Commercial Litigation***

Angelo has significant trial and litigation experience handling complex civil matters, including those involving allegations of securities fraud, consumer protection violations, antitrust violations, class actions, breach of contract, trademark and copyright infringement, and wrongful employment termination. Some of his recent matters have included representation of:

- Epson, Inc. in civil antitrust lawsuit brought by the Washington State Attorney General alleging price-fixing in the sale of LCD screens. Successfully settled litigation just prior to trial.
- Expedia, Inc. in breach of contract action brought by national commercial real estate firm seeking compensation for work performed in acquisition of company's Seattle campus. We obtained a dismissal of the complaint at the pleading stage.
- Fortune 100 healthcare company in pending consumer protection lawsuit brought by the Washington State Attorney General for alleged false and deceptive practices in the sale of medical devices.
- Seattle pharmaceutical company in breach of contract and indemnity lawsuit brought against its Medicare consultant. We obtained a \$12 million recovery on behalf of our client.
- Payment processor Meracord, Inc. in class action litigation alleging consumer protection and related violations in the processing of payments to debt collection services. Successfully settled litigation prior to trial.
- David Copperfield Disappearing Act, Inc. in breach of contract litigation in Los Angeles Superior Court arising out of cancellation of the illusionist's Southeast Asian tour, resulting in a successful settlement prior to trial.
- King County, Washington in three-week trial in which former county employee alleged racial discrimination and employment retaliation. We obtained a defense verdict on all claims.

### ***White Collar Criminal Defense and False Claims Act Matters***

Angelo's practice also emphasizes white collar criminal defense and the defense of a variety of whistleblower or False Claims Act lawsuits. He has defended companies and individuals in cases involving allegations of environmental and safety-related criminal offenses, and in securities, healthcare, antitrust, government contracting and tax fraud matters. Angelo's recent clients and matters have included representation of:

- Publicly-elected Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley in prosecution alleging wire fraud, money laundering, perjury, tax fraud and false statements. We obtained an acquittal on the false statement charges and the jury deadlocked on all remaining counts.
- W.R. Grace executive in environmental criminal prosecution alleging obstruction of justice and knowing endangerment under the Clean Air Act, arising out of company's operation of a vermiculite mine in Libby, Montana. Company and individuals acquitted after trial.
- President of Native-owned Canadian cigarette manufacturing company in federal tax evasion trial. We obtained a dismissal of all charges after jury hung on all counts.
- Seattle pharmaceutical company in False Claims Act investigation and federal criminal investigation based on allegations of off-label marketing of cancer treatment and improper Medicare reimbursement. Federal government declined criminal prosecution.
- BP executives in separate federal grand jury investigations and related proceedings arising out of a fire and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Refinery executive in federal criminal investigation of alleged Clean Air Act and worker safety violations arising out of explosion at Anacortes, Washington refinery. Government declined prosecution.
- Seattle-based seafood distribution company in grand jury investigation by FDA relating to alleged distribution of adulterated seafood products. Federal government declined prosecution.
- Olympic Pipe Line Company (a joint venture of three publicly traded oil companies) in federal environmental criminal prosecution, civil enforcement proceedings and debarment proceedings under Clean Water Act arising out of a major gasoline pipeline spill in Bellingham, Washington. Reached global settlement of all government enforcement proceedings.
- GE Healthcare subsidiary in criminal and civil False Claims Act investigations into U.S. Commerce Department grant, and in related employment litigation and Sarbanes-Oxley administrative proceedings arising out of whistleblower complaint. Government declined prosecution. Whistleblower's employment retaliation claims were dismissed on summary judgment.
- Internationally known celebrity and illusionist David Copperfield in grand jury investigation into allegations of kidnapping and fraud. After three-year investigation, government declined to prosecute.
- Environmental activist on felony perjury charges arising out of testimony before federal grand jury. Government dismissed all charges.
- Chairman of Russia-based seafood company on tax evasion charges arising out of company loan and dividend payments. Government dismissed all charges just prior to trial.

Angelo frequently lectures on trial practice, grand jury investigations and legal ethics. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Angelo taught at the U.S. Attorney General's Advocacy Institute.

Angelo has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Matt Talbot Center, a nonprofit drug and alcohol recovery center offering services to homeless men and women, located in the Belltown neighborhood of Seattle.