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As chair of the firm's Corporate Investigations & Integrity group, and with a wide range of experience in the public and private sectors, Matt provides clients informed counsel and aggressive representation in internal investigations, interactions with the government, and commercial litigation.

Matt has conducted numerous high-stakes internal investigations for clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to state agencies, focusing on issues including employee misconduct, vendor fraud, and company expenditures and related internal controls. His recent gubernatorial appointment to lead an independent investigation into allegations of abuse at a state prison was praised in an **NJ.com** editorial by Tom Moran: "Boxer has guts and integrity in abundance."

A former federal prosecutor and seasoned trial lawyer, Matt has successfully argued numerous cases to verdict and has litigated a wide range of complex civil and criminal cases. He also is a skilled appellate advocate, having successfully argued multiple appeals before the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Having served in the cabinet of two New Jersey governors, Matt also uses his government experience to help clients navigate government interactions ranging from basic licensing issues to avoiding regulatory or law enforcement proceedings.

Matt first gained renown for leading fair and effective investigations during his six-year term as New Jersey's State Comptroller. Appointed in 2008, Matt oversaw a staff of more than 130 employees responsible for examining the efficiency of government programs, investigating misconduct by government officers, scrutinizing the legality of government contracts, and recovering improperly expended Medicaid funds. He and his staff uncovered hundreds of millions of dollars in wasted taxpayer funds, spurring the passage of several remedial state laws and receiving praise from organizations throughout the state.

Prior to his appointment as State Comptroller, Matt spent two years directing the state Authorities Unit, where he monitored the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the Economic Development Authority, and other independent agencies. He was a federal prosecutor from 2001 to 2006, serving in the Terrorism Unit, the Criminal Division, and the Special Prosecutions Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. As a federal prosecutor, he led the successful prosecution of numerous public officials on corruption charges, including the "Monmouth 11"—a group that included three sitting mayors, four sitting councilmen, and a police commissioner, making it one of the largest single-day corruption takedowns in state history.

EXPERIENCE

- > Represented Rutgers University in conducting a highly publicized internal investigation involving allegations of physical and emotional abuse by softball coaches; findings were published in a report containing recommendations subsequently adopted by the university.
- > Represented a Fortune 500 company in an extensive internal investigation involving allegations of wrongdoing in connection with one of the company's offices in Asia.
- > Represented a Fortune 500 company in an internal investigation related to several allegations that were made to the board of directors concerning the company's chief compliance officer.
- > Hired by the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders to conduct an investigation into a solar energy initiative that had resulted in the county experiencing millions of dollars in financial losses.
- > Hired to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding a government agency's demolition of a historic house in connection with an extensive, federally funded transportation project.
- > Represented the New Jersey Division of Equal Employment Opportunity in conducting an investigation into allegations of workplace discrimination at the New Jersey National Guard.
- > Represented the board of directors of a global communications company in conducting an internal investigation concerning the conduct of a senior official at the company.
- > Represented a state agency in conducting an investigation concerning a state contract and in resolving the state's dispute with the vendor.
- > Represented a New Jersey university in conducting an internal investigation into alleged misconduct by a senior official at the university.

- > Represented a social media company in conducting an internal investigation concerning possible campaign financing violations.
- > Handled high-stakes litigation and related client counseling in a wide range of matters including white collar criminal, securities, defamation, bankruptcy-related, and government compliance matters.

Matt's accomplishments as New Jersey State Comptroller include the following:

- > Conducted audits and investigations throughout New Jersey, across all levels of state, county, and local government.
- > Led audits and investigations that found more than \$100 million in Medicaid fraud each year in 2011, 2012, and 2013, and pursued and achieved recovery of those funds for taxpayers.
- > Identified cases throughout the state in which local governments wrongfully included contractors in the state pension system. In response to the report, Governor Christie signed an August 2013 executive order to create a Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit.
- > Led an audit that uncovered \$43 million in waste at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. The audit found, for example, public toll dollars being used to pay for an employee bowling league and for unnecessary employee bonuses such as for shoveling snow and for working on a birthday.
- > Oversaw an audit that focused on four government entities and found that none had properly evaluated their options for health care coverage and that, had they done so, they would have saved more than \$12 million.
- > Discovered that more than 20,000 inmates in New Jersey's jails and prisons were improperly paid nearly \$24 million in benefits from government programs over a 22-month period.

HONORS & AWARDS

- > **The ROI Influencers Power List: Lawyers (2021)**
Recognized as one of New Jersey's most powerful and influential people in the legal industry
- > **Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2017-2020)**
Recognized in the White Collar Crime and Government Investigations category; sources laud Matt's "great reputation"
- > **New Jersey Super Lawyers (2015-2019)**
Recognized for work in Criminal Defense: White Collar
- > **PolitickerNJ: "Power List" 100 Most Powerful Political Players in New Jersey (2011-2013)**
- > **Bergen Grassroots: Byron M. Baer Memorial Award for Public Service (2011)**
- > **Federal Prosecutor (2001-2006)**
Received commendations for his work as a federal prosecutor from several federal agencies, including the FBI and the IRS

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Publications

- > December 4, 2020
"A Rare FCPA Advisory Opinion From the DOJ: Cause and Effect," *New York Law Journal*
Matthew Boxer, Paul F. Giannoglou
- > June 10, 2020
"DOJ Releases Updated Guidance for Evaluating Corporate Compliance Programs," *Corporate Investigations & Integrity Client Alert*
Matthew Boxer, , Anthony J. Cocuzza
- > April 8, 2020
"Vigilance Now Can Help Avoid Scrutiny Later: Fiduciary Duties in the Midst of a Global Pandemic," *Litigation and Bankruptcy Client Alert*
Jeffrey Cohen, Matthew Boxer, Michael A. Kaplan,
- > December 12, 2019
"The Future of Corporate Monitorships: Lessons Learned From the Walmart Case," *Corporate Counsel*
Matthew Boxer, Michelle L. Goldman
- > May 13, 2019
"DOJ Releases Revised Guidance on Evaluating Corporate Compliance Programs," *White Collar Criminal Defense Client Alert*
Matthew Boxer,
- > January 2, 2017
"Corporate Monitorships: Avoiding Costly Pitfalls," *New Jersey Law Journal*
Matthew Boxer,
- > May 27, 2015

"SEC Restricts Ability of Companies to Silence Employees Interviewed in Internal Investigations," *Corporate Investigations & Integrity Client Alert*

Matthew Boxer, Amy C. Schwind

In the Media

> February 1, 2021

Discussing the appointment of partner **Matthew Boxer** to lead an investigation into allegations of abuse at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy calls Boxer "**one of the smartest, toughest guys I know.**"

In an editorial about the appointment, **NJ.com** notes that "Boxer has guts and integrity in abundance, an excellent choice."

> January 27-29, 2021

Matthew Boxer, partner and Chair of Lowenstein's **Corporate Investigations & Integrity** practice and member of the firm's **White Collar Criminal Defense** practice, has been appointed by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy as special investigator into allegations of abuse at the state's only women's prison. The Governor stated: "Today, I am ordering a full independent investigation, under the direction of former State Comptroller Matt Boxer, to determine how this happened and make recommendations to prevent anything like it from ever happening again."

NJ.com notes that "Boxer, a respected former federal prosecutor and state comptroller, has developed a reputation for deep-dive investigations into allegations of government misconduct. ... In 2015, then-Gov. Chris Christie's administration hired Boxer to investigate a host of discrimination and sexual harassment complaints and other misconduct at a New Jersey National Guard base."

In the **New Jersey Globe**, state assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Perth Amboy), is quoted saying: "From Mr. Boxer's reputation as a follower of the facts, I trust that his investigation will be conducted in the most comprehensive and expeditious way possible."

Boxer's appointment is also featured in **The Washington Post**, **The Associated Press**, **Politico**, **InsiderNJ**, **Pix11.com**, **Daily Voice**, **New Jersey Herald**, and **NorthJersey.com**.

> October 30, 2020

Lowenstein's retention as counsel to the Official Committee of Tort Claimant Creditors in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of the **Diocese of Camden** (New Jersey) is noted in the **Global Legal Chronicle**. Serving approximately 486,368 Catholics living in Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties, the diocese is comprised of 62 parishes. The Lowenstein team is led by **Jeffrey D. Prol**, **Brent Weisenberg**, **Lynda A. Bennett**, **Matthew Boxer**, and **Kenneth A. Rosen**. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this retention.**

> June 5, 2020

Law360 and **Law.com** reported on the representation by **Matthew Boxer**, **Joseph A. Fischetti**, and **Rebecca J. Ryan** of the **New York Shipping Association Inc.** as amicus curiae in the precedent-setting dismissal of a summary judgment motion brought by the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor against New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy in the Third Circuit. (*subscription required to access Law.com*) **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this outcome.**

> June 2-3, 2020

Lowenstein Sandler's report on allegations of physical and emotional abuse in Rutgers University's softball program, which found inappropriate behavior by coaches and a lack of communication on the part of administrators, is featured in the **Associated Press**, **The New York Times**, **Star Tribune**, **ESPN**, **NJ.com**, **San Francisco Chronicle**, **Politico**, **MSN**, and multiple other media outlets. In a subsequent article, **NJ.com** cites the role of **Matthew Boxer**, former State Comptroller for New Jersey and now partner and Chair of the firm's **Corporate Investigations & Integrity** practice, in leading the investigation, which included interviews with 46 individuals. His report recommends a series of changes to the sports program and school policy, including in areas such as oversight, hiring, student and parent complaints, and revocation of athletic scholarships.

> February 21, 2020

Matthew Boxer, former New Jersey State Comptroller and Chair of Lowenstein's **Corporate Investigations & Integrity** practice, comments on the critical role of the comptroller in a **Law360** article about the latest appointee to this position, civil rights lawyer Kevin Walsh. "The state comptroller, in executing his or her work, reports to no one in a substantive way," says Boxer. "There's no elected official ... or appointed official who instructs the comptroller what work to take on." He emphasizes the need for "independence, absence of a political or electoral agenda, an awareness of how government operates and is organized, and a willingness to sometimes make some difficult decisions and to ruffle some feathers now and then," adding that Walsh has "all the right qualifications." (*subscription required to access article*)

> January 23, 2020

Matthew Boxer, partner and Chair of the firm's **Corporate Investigations & Integrity** practice, comments in the **New Jersey Law Journal** on Governor Phil Murphy's appointment of Kevin Walsh to the position of state comptroller. Boxer served as state comptroller from 2008 to 2013 before joining Lowenstein; he says that Walsh "has all the skills required to be a successful [c]omptroller and, by all indications, he's a great fit for this appointment." (*subscription required to access article*)

> January 22, 2020

Matthew Boxer, partner and Chair of the firm's **Corporate Investigations & Integrity** practice, is featured in a **POLITICO Pro** article on New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's imminent nomination of the next state comptroller. Boxer served as "the state's chief financial watchdog" for six years when this position was revived in 2007. Boxer notes the significance of the job: "It's a very important office with a critical and powerful mission, and it's a significant appointment to be made. ... It's an office that covers all levels of government. It serves as an overseer for thousands of public officials in the state, and it plays a significant role in the oversight system that exists in New Jersey." The piece also quotes Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg on the precedent set by Boxer in this role: "I was very impressed by Matt Boxer. I felt that he started it from scratch, he brought what seemed to be a very professional staff, [and] he had the gravitas to stand up and go ahead and do what his mission was designed to do." (*subscription required to access article*)

> October 28, 2019

Law360 reports on the successful motion for summary judgment brought by **Matthew Boxer** and a team from Bredhoff & Kaiser PLLC in connection with RICO claims by health care facilities against three health care worker unions.

> June 11-12, 2018

The **New York Law Journal** (including **this abbreviated coverage**), **Law360**, and **ABL Advisor** highlight **Ryan M. Wilson's** return to Lowenstein, now as partner in the **Capital**

Markets Litigation and **White Collar Criminal Defense** practices, following his tenure as an Assistant U.S. Attorney on President Obama's Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Task Force in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. *Law360* quotes Wilson on his government experience and mentions **Zachary D. Rosenbaum** (Chair, Capital Markets Litigation) as a draw in coming back to the firm. All three articles quote Wilson on his reasons for returning to Lowenstein, and they note that Wilson is the latest in a series of former prosecutors and trial lawyers to join or return to the firm. Each article mentions one or more of the following former government lawyers who have come to Lowenstein in the past few years: **Christopher Porrino** (Chair, **Litigation Department**), **Kathleen A. McGee**, **Elie Honig**, **Scott B. McBride**, and **Matthew Boxer**. (*subscription required to access the New York Law Journal and Law360*)

> April 2016

Matthew Boxer is featured in the **Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity** Profile in Public Integrity series for his work as New Jersey's first independent state comptroller.

> April 5, 2016

Matthew Boxer is highlighted in **Columbia Law School Magazine** regarding his discussion on local government corruption, which took place at Columbia's Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity.

> March 22, 2016

In the **Asbury Park Press**, **Matthew Boxer** is highlighted for being hired by the Lakewood School Board to assess possible litigation aimed at securing additional funding for the district.

> January 28, 2016

In the **New Jersey Herald**, **Matthew Boxer** is highlighted for being hired to conduct an investigation into a solar energy initiative entered into by Sussex, Morris, and Somerset counties.

> December 23, 2015

Matthew Boxer's investigation of racial discrimination allegations against the New Jersey National Guard is highlighted in **NJ.com**.

> November 16, 2015

Matthew Boxer is quoted in **New Jersey Business Magazine** regarding the federal and state regulations that determine requirements for protecting sensitive data.

> September 21, 2015

Matthew Boxer is highlighted in *The Washington Post* for being hired to conduct an investigation at the New Jersey National Guard with regard to allegations of racial discrimination.

> September 11, 2015

Matthew Boxer is named attorney of the month by **Kids in Need of Defense** (KIND) and is highlighted for his contribution in the outcome of the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision in favor of immigrant children's rights.

> August 26, 2015

Matthew Boxer is quoted in **Business Wire**, *The Record*, **NJ.com**, and the **New Jersey Law Journal** regarding the New Jersey Supreme Court's ruling that will protect children from deportation back to unfit parents or homes where they lack any caretaker.

> July 1, 2015

In the **Corporate Counsel Newsletter**, **Matthew Boxer** discusses issues companies should consider when conducting an internal investigation.

> June 29, 2015

In **The Star Ledger**, **Matthew Boxer** comments on how the New Jersey Supreme Court's pending ruling in an immigration case will affect hundreds of children in New Jersey. We represent several of the amici in the case.

> May 18, 2015

Matthew Boxer is highlighted on **NJ.com** for being hired by the state of New Jersey to investigate claims of racial discrimination made at the New Jersey National Guard. Matthew's extensive investigation experience, "unquestioned credentials," and "reputation for being objective and fair" are also discussed.

> March 2, 2015

Matthew Boxer is quoted in *The Bergen Record* regarding the Teaneck Transparency Trust's efforts to get Teaneck Township operating in a more efficient way and in compliance with the law.

> September 8, 2014

In a **Star Ledger** profile of Chief Justice Stuart Rabner, **Matthew Boxer** provided comments on Justice Rabner, with whom he worked with at the U.S. Attorney's Office and then in the Corzine administration.

> July 24, 2014

Matthew Boxer is quoted in *Inside Counsel* regarding the need for companies to establish credibility with regulators and maintain an effective compliance program.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

> Panelist, **Rutgers Government Accounting and Auditing Annual Conference**, New Brunswick, NJ, December 1, 2016

> Panelist, **Corporate Investigations**, NJICLE New Jersey White Collar Crime Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, June 2, 2016

> Panelist, **Cost Saving Solutions for City Government, Citizen's Campaign**, The Civic Summit, Lawrenceville, NJ, May 7, 2016

- > Panelist, **Unraveling a Multi-Million Dollar Fraud in Newark**, Columbia Law School Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity, New York, NY, March 23, 2016

EDUCATION

- > Columbia University School of Law (J.D. 1995), Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- > Princeton University (B.A. 1992), Politics, magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS

- > New York
- > New Jersey