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A former New Jersey and federal prosecutor with extensive experience leading and managing criminal trials and appeals, Elie provides strategic advice to individuals and businesses in government-facing investigations as well as counsel on internal investigations.

Prior to joining the firm, Elie served as Director of the Department of Law and Public Safety, New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, where he directed major criminal cases against street gangs, drug trafficking organizations, illegal firearms traffickers, corrupt public officials, child predators, and white collar offenders. Under Elie's leadership, statewide law enforcement introduced several important new initiatives aimed at emerging criminal threats, including post-Sandy fraud, cybercrime, human trafficking, and prescription opioid abuse.

Before joining the Division of Criminal Justice, Elie worked for eight years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where he successfully prosecuted more than 100 members and associates of La Cosa Nostra, including bosses and other high-ranking members of the Gambino and Genovese organized crime families. Elie has tried 15 cases to jury verdict and has argued over 20 cases in the federal appellate courts and the New Jersey Supreme Court.

At Lowenstein Sandler, Elie works with partners in the White Collar Criminal Defense practice as a key advisor on investigations and trial strategy. He brings experience trying criminal cases in a wide range of industries, from the financial sector to life sciences and entertainment. With firsthand knowledge of how prosecutors think, Elie applies that perspective to help clients targeted by government agencies limit their risk, protect their reputations, and achieve positive outcomes.

In addition to his role as special counsel at Lowenstein Sandler, Elie serves as Executive Director of the Rutgers Institute for Secure Communities at Rutgers University. Launched in 2018, the institute develops data-driven analytics for law enforcement; works with at-risk populations in Europe and the U.S. to pilot community policing; and educates undergraduate students in a new course of study that combines intelligence, cybersecurity, ethics, and criminal justice.

Elie is a CNN Legal Analyst and leverages his prosecutorial and trial experience to offer informed commentary on timely legal and government issues.

HONORS & AWARDS

> New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault: New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (2018)

Elie Honig – Recipient of September Celebrations of Champions for being an instrumental player in New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault's success over the last five years.

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Publications

> January 6, 2020

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," *CNN*

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> December 3-25, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," *CNN*

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> November 5-21, 2019

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> September 4-26, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," CNN

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> August 21, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," CNN

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> July 2-30, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," CNN

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> June 4-26, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," CNN

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> May 2-29, 2019

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> April 4-25, 2019

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> March 7-30, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," CNN

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> February 8-27, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," CNN

Elie Honig

> January 1-29, 2019

"Elie Honig Publishes Legal Insights for CNN," CNN

Elie Honig

> September 30-December 26, 2018

"Elie Honig Authors Legal Analyses for CNN," CNN

Elie Honig

> July 25-November 10, 2018

"Elie Honig Authors Insights for the Daily Beast," *Daily Beast*

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> November 2018

"New Jersey's former top prosecutors: Bail reform isn't easy, but it works," *Westlaw Journal White-Collar Crime*

Christopher Porrino, Elie Honig

> July 16, 2018

"Ex-N.J. attorney general: We must fix the American bail system. N.J. is the model.," *The Star Ledger*

Elie Honig, Christopher Porrino

In the Media

> January 6, 2020

Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (January 5, 2020), *NJ.com*, and *Law & Crime*.**

> December 10-25, 2019

Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: ***RawStory* (December 21, 2019; December 25, 2019), *TVN*, *Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, and *Law & Crime* (December 16, 2019; December 23, 2019).**

> November 4-28, 2019

Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: ***WGN Radio*, *RawStory* (November 5, 2019; November 7, 2019; November 15, 2019; November 25, 2019), *Law & Crime*, *Politico*, *CNN* (November 5, 2019; November 13, 2019), *WGN*, *AP News*, *Daily Beast*, *Politico*, *Daily News*, *RealClear Politics*, *American Thinker*, *Mediaite*, and *The New York Times*.**

> October 1-30, 2019

Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: ***CNN* (October 1, 2019; October 4, 2019; October 12, 2019), *Business Insider*, *The Hill* (October 1, 2019; October 18, 2019) *Law & Crime* (October 8, 2019; October 21, 2019), *The Hour*, *Crain's New York Business*, *Bloomberg*, and *Raw Story*.**

- > September 3-28, 2019
Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **The Am Law Litigation Daily, Rawstory (September 18, 2019; September 28, 2019), Talking Feds** podcast, **Erie News Now, The Week, CNN, The Hill, The National Law Journal, MSNBC, CNN, Yahoo, The Guardian, Law & Crime,** and **Mediaite**.
- > August 5-31, 2019
Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **The Hill, Law & Crime, Inquisitr, Courthouse News Service, Right Wing News, Fortune, Yahoo! News, Fox News, MSN,** and **Raw Story**.
- > July 7-31, 2019
Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (July 7, 2019; July 8, 2019; July 21, 2019; July 22, 2019; July 28, 2019), Rawstory (July 14, 2019), Business Insider (July 14, 2019; July 27, 2019), VICE, Fortune, Newsweek, CBC Radio One, Gothamist, Daily Caller, The Hill, Poynter, Mediaite,** and **The Daily Beast**.
- > June 6-26, 2019
Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (June 9, 2019; June 15, 2019; June 17, 2019; June 18, 2019; June 21, 2019; June 23, 2019; June 24, 2019; June 25, 2019: 1; June 25, 2019: 2; June 30, 2019), Newsweek, Raw Story (June 6, 2019; June 12, 2019), USA Today, New York** magazine, and **Talking Points Memo**.
- > May 1-31, 2019
Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (May 5, 2019; May 7, 2019; May 14, 2019; May 20, 2019; May 24, 2019; May 27, 2019; May 28, 2019), Raw Story (May 1, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 21, 2019), AlterNet (May 2, 2019; May 14, 2019; May 30, 2019), The Hill, The One Way Ticket Show, NJ.com, Business Insider, The Guardian, "Honestly Speaking with Tara Setmayer," MSN, USA Today, Crooks and Liars,** and **Politico**.
- > April 4-27, 2019
Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (April 1, 2019: 1; April 1, 2019: 2; April 4, 2019; April 5, 2019; April 7, 2019; April 8, 2019; April 9, 2019: 1; April 9, 2019: 2; April 10, 2019; April 12, 2019; April 17, 2019: 1; April 17, 2019: 2; April 17, 2019: 3; April 18, 2019: 1; April 18, 2019: 2; April 20, 2019; April 21, 2019), Raw Story, NJTV News, Law & Crime (April 19, 2019; April 24, 2019), Rushville Republican,** and **Business Insider**.
- > April 1, 2019
The American Lawyer features Lowenstein Sandler's recent "lateral hiring spree of government lawyers and prosecutors" in an article on the arrival of new partners and former government litigators **Rachel Maimin** and **Greg Baker**. Both Maimin, former SDNY assistant U.S. attorney, and Baker, former senior counsel at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, praised Lowenstein's "commitment to growing its white-collar practice," in addition to the strength of its investment management and funds practice, as critical elements attracting them to the firm.
The piece notes that since former Attorney General of New Jersey **Anne M. Milgram** joined the firm in July 2017 as special counsel and former Attorney General of New Jersey **Christopher Porrino** returned to the firm in 2018, Lowenstein has welcomed several former prosecutors and government lawyers. The firm's **Litigation** team now includes former First Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey **Peter Slocum**; former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York **Ryan M. Wilson**; former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York **Elie Honig**; and former Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey **Shontae D. Gray**.
Porrino, Chair of the firm's Litigation group, says that "he expected the firm's 'talent binge' to continue. ... 'We're focused on talent and we're focused on experience and I think Rachel and Greg are great examples of that.'" (*This article also appeared in the New Jersey Law Journal and on Yahoo! Finance and Yahoo! News.*) (*subscription required to access certain content*) [View Lowenstein's news announcement about Maimin and Baker joining the firm.](#)
- > March 8, 2019
Law.com highlights how Lowenstein Sandler's **White Collar Criminal Defense** practice has grown rapidly through the recent recruitment of experienced former prosecutors, including **Paul B. Matey, Ryan M. Wilson, Peter Slocum, Elie Honig, Kathleen A. McGee,** and two former New Jersey Attorneys General, **Anne M. Milgram,** and **Christopher Porrino**. The article quotes Chairman and Managing Partner **Gary M. Wingens**, who states that the practice's notable growth in business and top-tier talent is the result of a deliberate effort to increase "the depth and breadth of our skill set." He cites Milgram's heading an internal investigation on behalf of the Dallas Mavericks as an example of the caliber of work the group handles and notes that "clients want to see critical mass in the practice" and a team of lawyers "with different backgrounds who can handle lots of parallel investigations."
- > February 5-28, 2019
Elie Honig leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (February 5, 2019; February 7, 2019; February 14, 2019; February 17, 2019; February 18, 2019: 1; February 18, 2019: 2; February 19, 2019; February 20, 2019; February 21, 2019, February 24, 2019, February 25, 2019: 1; February 25, 2019: 2; February 28, 2019), Bloomberg (February 7, 2019), The Guardian (February 9, 2019), Law & Crime (February 19, 2019; February 25, 2019), The Cherry Hill Sun (February 21, 2019), The Hill (February 23, 2019; February 26, 2019), Raw Story (February 20, 2019; February 24, 2019), Reuters (February 25, 2019); The New York Times (February 25, 2019), The Week (February 27, 2019), Independent Journal Review (February 27, 2019), and Slate (February 27, 2019).**
- > January 2-31, 2019
Elie Honig applies his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government issues across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (January 2, 2019; January 10, 2019; January 12, 2019; January 15, 2019; January 18, 2019; January 19, 2019; January 23, 2019; January 25, 2019; January 29, 2019; January 31, 2019), Bloomberg (January 11, 2019; January 14, 2019), The Atlantic (January 9, 2019; January 23, 2019), Law & Crime (January 9, 2019; January 18, 2019), The Hill (January 28, 2019)** and **Raw Story (January 31, 2019)**.
- > December 1-28, 2018

- Elie Honig** leverages his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government developments across multiple outlets, including: **CNN (December 3, 2018; December 4, 2018; December 5, 2018: 1; December 5, 2018: 2; December 9, 2018; December 10, 2018; December 11, 2018; December 12, 2018: 1; December 12, 2018: 2; December 13, 2018; December 14, 2018; December 17, 2018: 1; December 17, 2018: 2; December 19, 2018; December 25, 2018; December 28, 2018), Law & Crime (December 3, 2018; December 12, 2018; December 24, 2018; December 28, 2018), Talking Points Memo, The Financial Times, Bloomberg Quint (December 6, 2018; December 20, 2018), The New York Times, The Guardian, Time, Huffington Post, CAFE, Raw Story, and Bloomberg Businessweek. (subscription required to access certain content)**
- > December 8, 2018
Anne M. Milgram, former New Jersey Attorney General, and **Elie Honig**, former SDNY prosecutor, leverage their experience to analyze new developments in the Mueller investigation on **CNN**.
 - > October 26-November 30, 2018
Elie Honig applies his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to discuss timely legal and government issues across various outlets, including **The Washington Post, WNYC's "Morning Edition," The Atlantic (October 26, 2018; November 3, 2018; November 15, 2018), CNN (October 29, 2018; October 31, 2018; November 8, 2018; November 12, 2018; November 15, 2018; November 16, 2018; November 21, 2018; November 22, 2018; November 27, 2018; November 29, 2018: 1; November 29, 2018: 2), Law & Crime (November 26, 2018), Saltier Politics, Slate, Law360, and Business Insider (November 15, 2018; November 27, 2018; November 30, 2018). (subscription required to access certain content)**
 - > November 28, 2018
Elie Honig is quoted on **WNYC's "Morning Edition"** regarding the correlation between New Jersey's bail reform efforts and the state's falling crime rate. He explains that bail reform has given judges the power to hold violent offenders in jail without bail, which may be a contributing factor in the decline of violent crimes.
 - > September 1-25, 2018
Leveraging his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience, Lowenstein's **Elie Honig** provides ongoing commentary across various media outlets about the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court hearings, the president's legal situation, the Mueller investigation, Paul Manafort, and other timely issues. Outlets include **CNN (September 1, 2018, September 24, 2018), MSNBC (September 4, 2018), The Atlantic (September 13, 2018; September 17, 2018; September 25, 2018), Raw Story, ABC News, Business Insider (September 16, 2018; September 18, 2018), Bloomberg, Daily Beast, The Hill, Focus Washington, HillReporter.com, and Greenwich Time.**
 - > August 1-28, 2018
Elie Honig applies his SDNY trial and prosecutorial experience to provide ongoing commentary about the Manafort trial, the legal case against one of President Trump's former lawyers, the Mueller investigation, and other timely issues across several outlets, including **MSNBC (August 1, 2018; August 3, 2018; August 6, 2018; August 6, 2018, with Andrea Mitchell; August 7, 2018; August 10, 2018, with Chris Hayes; August 16, 2018, with Brian Williams; August 21, 2018; August 22, 2018; August 24, 2018; August 28, 2018), NPR, Bloomberg (July 13, 2018; July 26, 2018; July 27, 2018; July 30, 2018; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2018; August 15, 2018; August 27, 2018; August 31, 2018), CNN (August 2, 2018: part 1, part 2; August 18, 2018, with Brooke Baldwin; August 21, 2018; August 23, 2018), The Financial Times, BBC World News, Law360, The Washington Post, Raw Story, The Atlantic, New York Law Journal, NBC News, CNBC, and Slate. (subscription required to access certain content)**
 - > July 3-31, 2018
Elie Honig appeared on **MSNBC** to discuss comments made by President Trump's lawyer that may signal a new defense strategy for the President's team. Honig notes the lawyer's denial of collusion as a crime and states that, while collusion is not a crime, the denial is "wordplay" that signals a "sign of desperation and panic" on the part of the President's team. He also speaks with **Bloomberg** and **MSNBC** regarding President Trump's denial that he was aware of his son's 2016 meeting with Russians who offered information about Hillary Clinton. Honig also appears on **CNN** to discuss the significance of a released audiotape of President Trump and one of his former lawyers. In an earlier **CNN** appearance, he discusses his experience as an organized crime prosecutor in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) and the parallels with the ongoing Mueller investigation. Honig notes that the President's former lawyer appeared ready to cooperate with the SDNY, and he lays out the next steps that prosecutors are likely to take in the case. A third **CNN** broadcast features Honig commenting on a recent media interview given by the former Trump lawyer, who stated that his loyalty lies with his family. Honig explains how that statement signals that the lawyer may cooperate with authorities in the Mueller investigation.
 - > July 17, 2018
Politico's "New Jersey Playbook" quotes **Christopher Porrino** and **Elie Honig's Star Ledger** Op-Ed, **"Ex-N.J. attorney general: We must fix the American bail system. N.J. is the model."** (subscription required to access article; also posted at this link)
 - > July 13, 2018
Bloomberg interviews **Elie Honig** regarding the indictment of 12 Russian intelligence officials who were responsible for hacking the DNC during the 2016 election. Honig states that while the connection between Russia and President Trump's electoral campaign has yet to be made, it may be coming "if you read between the lines of the indictment." He also comments on the vulnerability of Americans' electronic communications, and the sophistication of Russian hacking technologies and techniques.
 - > July 2, 2018
Law360 notes **Ryan M. Wilson's** and **Elie Honig's** arrival at Lowenstein. Wilson, a partner in the **Capital Markets Litigation** and **White Collar Criminal Defense** practices, returned to the firm after serving 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. Honig joined Lowenstein as special counsel in the White Collar Criminal Defense practice following his tenure as Director, Department of Law and Public Safety, in the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. Earlier, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. (subscription required to access article)
 - > June 14, 2018
Elie Honig appeared on **CNN** to discuss the current administration's policy on immigration enforcement as compared to the Bush and Obama administrations.
 - > June 13, 2018
Elie Honig appeared on **MSNBC** to discuss the Mueller investigation, including Paul Manafort's upcoming bail hearing and the psychology behind the decision to become a

cooperating witness.

> 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*)

> June 5-6, 2018

The **New Jersey Law Journal**, **Law360**, **NJBIZ**, and **Business Beat** (published by the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey) highlight **Elie Honig**'s joining Lowenstein as special counsel following his tenure as Director, Department of Law and Public Safety, in the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. All four publications quote Lowenstein **Litigation Department** Chair **Christopher Porrino** on the move. The **New Jersey Law Journal**, **Business Beat** and **Law360** quote Honig, and **Business Beat** includes a quote from **Michael B. Himmel**, Chair, **White Collar Criminal Defense**. (*subscription required to access Law360 article*)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- > Moderator/Speaker, **Two Decades of Covering the Courts: Firsthand Insights, Perspectives, and More Into Some of the Most Pressing Legal Developments of the Past 20 Years**, NJICLE, Edison, NJ, November 20, 2018
- > Honoree, **September Celebrations of Champions**, New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA), Hamilton Township, NJ, September 27, 2018
- > Panelist, **National Forensic Science Symposium**, National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute, Washington, D.C., August 7-10, 2018
- > Panelist, **Trenton Civic Trust**, Citizens Campaign, Trenton, NJ, July 24, 2018
- > Panelist, **Legal Issues Surrounding the President: Part of PBI's Public Policy Series**, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia, PA, July 23, 2018

EDUCATION

- > Harvard Law School (J.D. 2000), cum laude
- > Rutgers University (B.A. 1997), with highest honors

ADMISSIONS

- > New Jersey