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Mark has over 20 years of experience trying criminal cases in state and federal courts and handling matters in over 30 states across the country. He has represented companies and individuals in some of the largest fraud cases in history, as well as a range of traditional criminal cases, bet-the-company investigations, and litigations. High-profile clients facing serious charges that may attract media scrutiny often seek out Mark due to his impressive track record of shutting down prosecutions before they become public.

In addition to enforcement matters before federal regulatory agencies such as the SEC, CFTC, and CFPB, Mark regularly deals with formal actions and investigations by the inspectors general from the DOJ, FBI, HHS, IRS, and USDA. He has extensive experience in FCPA matters, having represented individuals in some of the largest FCPA investigations in DOJ history.

Mark represents companies, boards of directors, and individuals, from C-suite to senior management, in a variety of criminal, civil, and administrative matters. He frequently represents state and federal law enforcement officers, elected officials, and community leaders.

In one of the most competitive legal markets in the country, Mark has been recognized as one of *Washingtonian Magazine's* Top 100 Lawyers, and he consistently ranks as a Super Lawyers Honoree and in *Chambers USA* in the area of White Collar Crime & Government Investigations. He is a regular print and broadcast commentator for such media outlets as *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, Associated Press, CNN, Fox News, and NBC.

For 12 years, he has served as an adjunct professor at The George Washington University Law School.

HONORS & AWARDS

> **The Best Lawyers in America (2021-2022)**

Recognized in the Criminal Defense: White-Collar section

> **Super Lawyers (2011-2020)**

Recognized in White Collar, Criminal Defense, and Civil Litigation: Defense sections

> **Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2021)**

Recognized for work in Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

NEWS & INSIGHTS

In the Media

> November 10, 2021

In the **Daily Mail**, **Mark E. Schamel** calls federal charges against his client Igor Danchenko "a false narrative designed to humiliate and slander" the Russian born analyst, who is accused of lying to investigators about the origins of information later reported in the "Steele dossier."

"Mr. Danchenko is a respected research analyst who uncovered and exposed Vladimir Putin's plagiarized Ph.D. thesis and whose work has been recognized all over the world for its intellectual rigor and accuracy," says Schamel in a **statement**. "Mr. Danchenko's body of work, for the United States, is above reproach. For the past five years, those with an agenda have sought to expose Mr. Danchenko's identity and tarnish his reputation while undermining U.S. National Security. From the moment he was inappropriately revealed, he has been the focus of unrelenting politically motivated attacks."

Schamel's statement was also published in **Radio Free Europe, The Washington Post, Politico, Newsweek, CNBC, UPI, and Associated Press**, among others.

> August 26, 2021

Mark E. Schamel's statement about Lowenstein's client, Capitol Police Lt. Michael Byrd, who defended and protected members of the U.S. Congress during the riots on January 6, 2021, appears in **The New York Times**. Schamel calls our client a "decorated veteran" who showed "tremendous restraint in firing just one shot" and whose actions were "nothing short of heroic." Schamel continues: "His willingness to remain steadfast in the face of hundreds of violent, extremist, would-be insurrectionists intent on thwarting Congress from performing its constitutional duty was the type of heroism and commitment that the lieutenant has demonstrated in his almost three decades of law enforcement service. ... The lieutenant's conduct saved lives and helped to end the violent insurrection."

> April 15, 2021

Mark E. Schamel, White Collar Criminal Defense partner based in Lowenstein's Washington, D.C., office, speaks to **Global Investigations Review** about a decrease in corporate enforcement policy declinations since the Department of Justice started the policy five years ago to encourage companies to self-report wrongdoing. Schamel, who handled the most recent declination in August 2020, says declination numbers are likely to increase after the country recovers from the pandemic because "prosecutors might be reluctant to give a declination under the policy without face-to-face meetings and interviews to shore up their decision."

> February 1, 2021

Mark E. Schamel, Washington, D.C.-based partner in Lowenstein's **White Collar Criminal Defense** group, represents the Capitol Police officer accused of shooting a rioter who was part of the attack on the Capitol on January 6, 2021. Speaking to the **The Wall Street Journal** about the possibility of charges against his client, Schamel says: "Without question he should be cleared. ... There's no way to look at the evidence and think he's anything but a hero."

CNN quotes Schamel as well: "In every analysis, this was an absolutely justified use of force." The story is also featured on **NBC News**, **WHDH News Boston**, and **RT.com**, where he adds: "I think it's his heroism and his restraint that saved lives."

> December 10, 2020

Mark E. Schamel talks to **Law360** about the recent spate of corruption cases in the energy industry, noting that the "international footprint and the financial reward is so significant that it can lead to clouded judgment. ... Add in the inconsistency of regulations between countries and even between political parties in our country, and the goal posts are moving with hundreds of millions of dollars in play." For general counsel and regulators seeking to reduce corruption on this space, Schamel suggests fostering a "culture of transparency. Get in front of problems and don't try to hide them." He adds that government needs "to stop flip-flopping on policy and have consistency" in energy regulation.

> November 12-13; November 15; November 25, 2020

Mark E. Schamel's arrival to Lowenstein Sandler's Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the firm's **White Collar Criminal Defense** group is noted in **The American Lawyer**, **Bloomberg Law**, **Yahoo! Finance**, **Global Investigations Review**, **The Washington Post**, and the **International Comparative Legal Guides (ICLG.com)**. *(subscription required to access certain content)* **View Lowenstein's news announcement about Schamel's arrival to the firm.**

EDUCATION

> Boston University School of Law (J.D. 1998)

> State University of New York at Brockport (B.S. 1995), with honors

ADMISSIONS

> New York

> District of Columbia

> Maryland

> U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

> U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

> U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

> U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

> U.S. Supreme Court