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### Introduction

Angelo Calfo's practice emphasizes business-related disputes in civil litigation and government enforcement proceedings. 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 defense lawyer by the *Chambers & Partners USA Report* (2006-2018) and by several other legal rating firms. Chambers & Partners' 2018 report noted that Angelo "commands an impressive reputation as a 'masterful trial lawyer'" and that peers view him as "extraordinarily talented for both white-collar and complex civil cases." Angelo has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* and the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers as a "Lawyer of the Year" for his successful trial work in obtaining defense verdicts in civil and criminal cases.

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

Angelo's practice emphasizes complex civil matters, including those involving allegations of securities fraud, consumer protection violations, antitrust violations, class actions, breach of contract, and corporate governance disputes. Some of his notable matters have included representation of:

- Online travel agencies in consumer class action alleging RICO and consumer protection violations arising out of charges for "taxes and fees" on travel bookings
- Olympic Pipe Line Company (a joint venture of three publicly-traded energy companies) in \$500 million business interruption lawsuit brought by refinery arising out of a major gasoline spill.
- 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.
- Accenture in litigation arising out of its sale of computer software and services to government agencies.
- Epson, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, and Navient in separate consumer protection actions brought by the Washington State Attorney General.
- National restaurant companies in class actions alleging antitrust claims arising out of alleged "anti-poaching" agreements with franchisees.
- CEO of real estate syndication firm in national securities class action arising out of the sale of billions of dollars in fractional interests in commercial real estate.

- Washington Interscholastic Activities Association in defamation lawsuits brought by two coaches in the wake of inquiries into improper recruiting and other rules violations by a nationally-ranked high school football program.
- Seattle biotech CTI BioPharma in lawsuit for breach of contract brought against its Medicare consultant.
- Payment processor Meracord, Inc. in class action litigation alleging consumer protection and related violations in the processing of payments to debt collection services.
- David Copperfield Disappearing Act, Inc. in breach of contract litigation in arising out of cancellation of the illusionist's Southeast Asian tour.

#### ***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:

- 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.
- President of Native-owned Canadian cigarette manufacturing company in federal tax evasion trial.
- Publicly-elected Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley in in trial alleging wire fraud, money laundering, perjury, tax fraud and false statements.
- Numerous individuals in separate insider trading investigations and prosecutions by the SEC and the Justice Department.
- Numerous government contractors in separate civil and criminal investigations relating to alleged billing fraud.
- 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.
- 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.
- Seattle-based seafood distribution company in grand jury investigation by FDA relating to alleged distribution of adulterated seafood products.
- 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.
- Internationally-known celebrity and illusionist David Copperfield in grand jury investigation into allegations of kidnapping and fraud.
- Chairman of Russia-based seafood company on federal tax evasion charges arising out of company loan and dividend payments.
- Nationally-recognized financial advisor and New York Times' best-selling author in federal tax evasion trial involving transactions with charitable remainder trust.

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.