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In criminal and civil cases alike, Alex Wolf quickly masters complex facts and legal issues, crafts them into a compelling narrative, and consistently outworks opponents to get his clients the best results possible—whether that means prevailing at trial, as he has in each of the past three years; discreetly helping a client avoid criminal charges; or favorably resolving a civil dispute without the expense of a trial.

Mr. Wolf has represented clients in government investigations and white collar criminal cases involving insider trading, fraud, and other financial crimes; environmental crimes and industrial catastrophes; public corruption; and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). His civil practice encompasses

representing both plaintiffs and defendants, with recent cases involving trade secrets, intellectual property, employment contracts, and complex commercial disputes.

Since joining Smyser Kaplan & Veselka in 2014, Mr. Wolf has been a key member of three trial teams that have won major victories in federal court: *U.S. v. Roberts* (jury acquittal in an insider trading case; M.D. La. 2017), *U.S. v. Kaluza et al.* (jury acquittal in a Clean Water Act case stemming from the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill; E.D. La. 2016), and *Quantlab Technologies Ltd. et al. v. Godlevsky et al.* (multi-million dollar jury verdict in an intellectual property and theft of trade secrets case; S.D. Tex. 2015).

He also assisted with the briefing before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for *Quantlab* and *Grand Isle Shipyards*, a case arising from the Black Elk rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico in 2012; the Fifth Circuit returned unanimous opinions in favor of SKV's clients in both cases in 2017.

Mr. Wolf received his B.A. from Cornell University, *magna cum laude*, in 2006 and his J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 2012, where he was an executive articles editor of the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*. After law school, he practiced in the Boston office of McDermott Will & Emery and clerked for the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He also holds a master's degree in higher education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and worked in alumni affairs and development at Cornell University before attending law school.

Mr. Wolf is licensed to practice in Texas and Massachusetts.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Cornell University

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Medieval Studies and English, 2006

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Ed.M., 2009

Harvard Law School

J.D., *cum laude*, 2012

Executive Articles Editor, *Harvard Journal on Legislation*

Law Clerk

to the Hon. Carolyn Dineen King, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2013-2014

Associate

Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., 2014-Present

ADMISSIONS

State Courts of Texas
State Courts of Massachusetts
United State Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

ORGANIZATIONS

- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Urban Debate League – Young Professionals Council

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Quoted:

- [How To Survive A Software Licensing Audit](#), Information Week (2016)

Publications:

- *The Problems with Payouts: Assessing the Proposal for a Mandatory Distribution Requirement for University Endowments*, Harvard Journal on Legislation, Vol. 48, 591–622 (2011)
- The Honorable Helen I. Bendix and Alexander M. Wolf, *Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution*, Los Angeles Daily Journal (Aug. 30, 2010)

Speeches:

- *FCPA Enforcement in the Trump Administration*, Houston Bar Association Seminars (March 2018)
- *Not Guilty: The Roberts Insider Trading Acquittal*, Houston Bar Association Seminars (October 2017)
- *The 5 Biggest Problems in Criminal Law Today*, Houston Bar Association Seminars (November 2016)