

LEE S. WOLOSKY, Co-Chair, Litigation Department

A former US Ambassador and seasoned litigator, Mr. Wolosky has served under four U.S. Presidents in senior legal and national security positions, most recently as Special Counsel to President Biden at the White House.

Mr. Wolosky is the Co-Chair of Jenner & Block's Litigation Department and a member of the firm's Management Committee. He brings extensive experience in representing clients facing multi-dimensional crises involving litigation, governments and the media. His clients have included prominent CEOs, political figures, governments and media leaders and organizations. He has represented plaintiffs and defendants in multibillion-dollar litigation, including in complex multi-jurisdictional disputes and international arbitrations. Until recently he served as the government-appointed monitor of a tier-one global financial institution. He has litigated precedent-setting cases related to national security matters and foreign sovereign immunity. He regularly represents clients in connection with governmental investigations and sanctions matters, including those arising under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and the President's IEEPA authorities, and in Congressional and national security-related investigations, including the 2020 impeachment proceedings of then-President Trump.

In 2016, President Obama accorded Mr. Wolosky the personal rank of ambassador. As special envoy for the Guantánamo Closure from July 2015 to January 2017, Mr. Wolosky served as chief US diplomat implementing President Obama's efforts to close the Guantánamo Bay detention camp. Under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, he served as director of Transnational Threats on the National Security Council at the White House. He has testified personally before Congress on numerous occasions and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Wolosky has led the following representative matters:

- Representation of artificial intelligence company in multidistrict litigation, multiple state court actions and international investigations
- Representation of major media corporation in multi-billion dollar JAMS arbitration
- Representation of Special Master in ongoing sanctions-related judgment enforcement proceeding
- Co-Monitor of Tier One global financial institution
- Representation of key witness in 2020 impeachment proceedings against President Trump
- Representation of a high-profile individual and corporation in investigation and multi-jurisdictional litigation related to a computer hack allegedly perpetrated by foreign sovereign
- Representation of a major US oil company in complying with US sanctions targeting a foreign government and in negotiations with the US government



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PRACTICE GROUPS

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Litigation
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Monitorship Practice
National Security, Sanctions, and Export
Controls

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, JD; *cum laude*;
Frederick Sheldon Traveling Scholarship;
Editor, *Harvard International Law Review*

Harvard University, AB, History and
Literature; *magna cum laude*; Harvard
College Scholarship; John Harvard
Scholarship; Dean's List

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, District of Columbia

US District Court, Southern District of New
York

US District Court, Eastern District of New
York

US District Court, Western District of New
York

- Representation of a witness (and former senior US official) in Congressional Russia-related investigations
- Representation of multiple former White House officials facing alleged retaliatory employment action
- Dismissal of a multibillion-dollar claim in a precedent-setting invocation of the state secrets privilege by the US government
- Multi-jurisdictional litigation against a major Chinese bank on behalf of terror victims, resulting in multiple precedent-setting rulings in international discovery matters and the piercing of governmental privileges
- Multi-pronged international steel industry dispute involving intellectual property, antitrust and civil RICO claims in multiple US and foreign jurisdictions
- Representation of a hospitality corporation in connection with high-profile sexual assault allegations made by an employee against a patron
- Representation of an Emmy-award winning journalist in offensive claims related to a defamation action filed against the journalist
- Advised a foreign sovereign on US legal exposure resulting from ongoing civil litigation
- Dismissal of all US claims in multi-jurisdictional litigation brought against a Gulf- and Europe-based private equity firm alleging blackmail, conspiracy, commercial defamation and tortious interference with contract
- Representation of a foreign presidential candidate in connection with criminal allegations
- Representation of a major Latin American bank in connection with US litigation matters
- Defense of a US company in connection with the enforcement of a Bahraini judgment
- Ongoing civil litigation on behalf of terror victims against a major US corporation that had pleaded guilty to a federal criminal offense
- Representation of US terror victims, including the 9/11 families, in judgment enforcement proceedings against the Taliban and Iran and various agencies and instrumentalities of Iran
- A multi-jurisdictional, multi-billion dollar business divorce in the insurance sector, leading to more than 20 separate litigations or arbitrations in multiple domestic and international fora, and one trial in federal court
- Representation of a former insurance industry CEO in multiple state and federal governmental investigations and litigations
- Representation of a former insurance industry CEO in defamation action against a New York politician and author

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, US District Court,
Southern District of New York (Internship)

- Representation of a defrauded investor in a Chinese reverse merger company
- Representation of a Major League Baseball franchise in connection with international operations
- Resolution of several FCPA investigations, including representation of an officer and director of a Fortune 50 company.

Industry

- Special Counsel to the President of the United States, 2021-2022
- Special Envoy for Guantánamo Closure, 2015-2017
- Director for Transnational Threats, National Security Council, The White House, 2000-2001
- Council on Foreign Relations
Life Member
- National Security Initiative
Director
- National Center for Law and Economic Justice
Director
- Tufts University Institute for Global Leadership Advisory Board

Publications

- "What I Learned When I Tried to Close Guantanamo," *Politico*, January 11, 2022
- "Biden Administration Approves 5 More Guantánamo Releases," *The New York Times*, January 11, 2022
- "Biden Picks Wolosky to Help Coordinate Resettlement of Afghan Refugees," Reuters, September 8, 2021
- "Biden Has a Chance to Remedy One of Obama's Biggest Regrets," *New York Times*, April 27, 2021
- Co-Author, "The Promise and Peril of Facial Recognition," *The Wall Street Journal*, January 20, 2021