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Michael S. Pollok

Of Counsel

Michael Pollok is an experienced criminal defense attorney who focuses his practice on criminal matters in federal and state courts, as well as regulatory investigations and hearings. Mr. Pollok understands that, whether a matter involves a complex white-collar investigation or a misdemeanor or domestic dispute, a client involved in criminal or regulatory proceedings deserves sensitive, effective counsel with the experience and judgment to handle all aspects of the judicial process.

In addition to extensive trial experience, Mr. Pollok has written and argued numerous criminal appeals and writs of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court, and has successfully applied for post-conviction remedies including writs of habeas corpus and motions to set aside or modify convictions and sentences in federal and New York courts.

In addition, Mr. Pollok has experience writing applications for commutations of sentences, deferring prosecutions, executive clemency, pardons, certificates of relief from civil disabilities, supervised release, as well as handling probation and parole violation proceedings and obtaining bail pending appeal.

Prior to joining ABV, Mr. Pollok was of counsel to Hoffman & Pollok, where his practice included criminal defense trials, appeals and post-conviction motions. Before that, he was an associate at Barrett, Gravante, Carpinello & Stern, LLP, where his practice involved white collar criminal defense litigation and appeals, as well as complex civil litigation, including in matters involving failed savings institutions on behalf of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Resolution Trust Corporation. Mr. Pollok interned for two New York State Supreme Court Justices and wrote successful briefs for the Appeals Bureaus in the New York County District Attorney's Office and The Kings County District Attorney's Office while still in law school.

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Academic Background

B.A., George Washington University,
1989

The Baer Award for Individual
Excellence

The George Washington Award for
exceptional accomplishments and
service to the University

J.D., St. John's University School of
Law, 1993

M.A.T., Bard College, 2009

Bar and Court Admissions

New York

United States Supreme Court
Second Circuit

First Circuit

Southern District of New York

Eastern District of New York

Northern District of New York

District of Connecticut

Community/Professional

Mr. Pollok is an AV Peer Rated Attorney and a member of the Criminal Law Committee of The New York City Bar Association, The New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He was appointed to the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and appointed to the New York State Court of Appeals Pro Bono Panel to handle criminal matters in 2005.

In 2005, Mr. Pollok was honored by the New York City Council for his outstanding legal work and community service.

Mr. Pollok is on the Board of the Hudson Valley Mental Health Corporation, where he advocates for the treatment of mentally ill people who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

Mr. Pollok also teaches criminal procedure to high school students to help adolescents avoid common mistakes in dealing with law enforcement and substantive violations of the law.

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