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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Barron is a co-founder of the firm's Administrative Law & Regulatory Litigation and White Collar Criminal Defense & Investigations practice groups. He also focuses his practice on business litigation, crisis management and provides strategic advice and advocacy to a range of corporate, nonprofit and government entities and their leadership.

Mr. Barron has enjoyed a distinguished career in government. He has served as a state and federal prosecutor, as counsel and policy advisor to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and the Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Mr. Barron currently serves as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing Prince George's County. In this capacity, he serves on the Health & Government Operations Committee where he is instrumental in shaping healthcare policy, administrative law and labor and employment law.

Mr. Barron has held leadership roles with a range of civic and charitable organizations, including the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, the Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center, the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, and the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association. He also enjoys volunteering his time with a variety of disadvantaged youth-related

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

White Collar Criminal Defense and Investigations

Business Litigation

Appellate Practice

International

Political Law Compliance

Administrative Law & Regulatory Litigation

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, 2007, LL.M.

George Washington University School of Law, 1999, J.D.

University of Maryland, 1996, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
Maryland

programs. And, whenever possible, Mr. Barron volunteers his time pro bono to the indigent and underserved communities. Recently, he led the pro bono appeal of a capital case in which the Delaware Supreme Court unanimously reversed the client's convictions and death sentence based on judicial error and prosecutorial misconduct.

U.S. Court of Appeals: Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court: District of Columbia

U.S. District Court: District of Maryland

RECOGNITIONS

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, 2020
- Listed in *Maryland Super Lawyers*: 2013 - present
- Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund, 40 under 40 (2013)
- National Bar Association Impact, Best Advocates under 40 (2012)
- Daily Record, Very Important Professionals under 40 (2012)
- Maryland Equal Justice Associates' Leadership Award (May 2010)
- Maryland Governor's Citation for Outstanding Public Service (June 2004)
- Maryland Legislature Citations for Outstanding Public Service (June 2004)
- Maryland State's Attorneys' Association Scholarship Award (2004)

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association, Prince George's County Bar Association, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Monumental City Bar Association, American Bar Foundation, and Maryland Bar Foundation

Public Service, Elected Positions, and Community Activities

- Elected State Delegate, District 24, in the Maryland legislature, Fall 2014
- Board of Trustees: Office of the Public Defender for Maryland (2011 - Present)
- Board of Directors: Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. (2006 - Present)
- Board of Directors: Prince George's County Coalition of Adoption Programs, Inc. (2011 - Present)
- Member: Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee

Professional Activities

- President: J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association (2014-2015)

- Co-Chair: ABA Litigation Section, Criminal Litigation Committee
 - Member: MSBA Criminal Law & Practice Section Council
 - Board of Directors: Prince George's County Bar Association
 - Chair: MSBA Young Lawyers Section (2011 - 2012)
 - Member: American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates (2008 - 2010)
 - Member: ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (2009 - 2012)
 - Member: ABA Criminal Justice Section
 - Board of Governors: Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) (2010 - 2012)
 - Member: MSBA Public Awareness Committee
 - Member: MSBA Special Committee on Voir Dire
 - Member: MSBA Committee on Laws
 - Member: MSBA Committee on Ethics
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WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL DEFENSE, CORPORATE INVESTIGATIONS & COMPLIANCE

- Representing corporations, directors, officers and employees, in responding to and defending against government inquiries, investigations, and prosecutions
- Conducting internal corporate investigations pursuant to compliance programs or government inquiries
- Advising corporate clients on US and global compliance systems design, implementation, ongoing assessment and monitoring, and corrective action responses
- Former Assistant State's Attorney for Prince George's County and Baltimore City
- Former Counsel and Policy Advisor to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and the Hon. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
- Former member of President Obama's Transition Team for Justice and Civil Rights
- Co-chair of the American Bar Association Criminal Litigation Committee
- Co-chair of the American Bar Association CJS Appeals and Habeas Committee
- Member of the Criminal Justice Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association

BUSINESS LITIGATION

- Representing corporations and nonprofits in commercial disputes and labor and employment matters
- Representing owners of commercial property in real estate litigation matters and disputes with tenants
- Representing commercial real estate developers in disputes with subcontractors
- Representing retail establishments, restaurants and hospitality establishments in personal injury actions and negligent security lawsuits

INTERNATIONAL

- Representing multijurisdictional corporations engaged in commercial disputes in various parts of the globe, including the Middle East, Asia, and South America
- Acting as general counsel to foreign governments engaged in commercial transactions and sensitive matters in the U.S. and abroad
- Former counsel to the Hon. Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (former Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee)
- Former counsel to the U.S. Senate International Narcotics Control Caucus

PUBLIC POLICY, POLITICAL LAW & ETHICS

- Advising corporations and nonprofits in the development of effective government affairs, legislative, compliance, and policy strategies on the local, state, and federal levels
- Advisor to local, state, and federal public officials on ethics compliance, public policy initiatives, and building community coalitions
- Former congressional staffer and advisor to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
- Chair of the American Bar Association's Privacy and Information Protection Committee
- Member of the Committee on Laws of the Maryland State Bar Association
- Member of the Committee on Ethics of the Maryland State Bar Association

MINORITY, WOMEN, AND VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES & NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- Serving as general counsel to start-ups, small businesses, and nonprofits in a

variety of matters, including governance and drafting and reviewing contracts and other legal documents, and litigation

CYBER SECURITY AND INFORMATION PRIVACY

- Chair of the American Bar Association's Privacy and Information Protection Committee