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Since joining Hodgson Russ in late 2010, Bill has represented businesses and individuals facing government investigations or prosecutions involving alleged fraudulent or wrongful conduct, including those suspected of violating New York's tax, health, and criminal laws and the laws governing licensed professionals. He both prosecutes meritorious whistleblower cases and defends those accused of violations by whistleblowers or the government.

Prior to joining Hodgson Russ, Bill had more than 30 years of government experience where he held top-level government positions with New York State agencies responsible for tax enforcement and for investigating and prosecuting health care fraud, physician misconduct, complex financial fraud and official misconduct.

Bill was the deputy commissioner for tax enforcement at the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. In the health care area, Bill served as the deputy attorney general in charge of New York's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, the largest state law enforcement unit in the nation dedicated to fighting Medicaid fraud, which was, during his tenure, involved in multiple major national qui tam whistleblower actions. In a prior appointment, Bill served as director of the Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct in New York's Department of Health, where he was counsel and chief prosecutor for New York's physician disciplinary board. As a prosecutor, Bill held leadership positions in the attorney general's Criminal Division, prosecuting fraud, corruption and organized crime cases. He also served as chief assistant district attorney in Rensselaer County and as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan district attorney's office. He has also been an adjunct instructor at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law on appellate advocacy and legal writing and at Brooklyn Law School on corporate criminal prosecutions.

Bill is a graduate of Fordham University School of Law, where he was a commentary editor of the Fordham Law Review. Following graduation, he clerked for the Honorable Hugh R. Jones at the New York Court of Appeals.

