

DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICE

Louis Feuchtbaum's practice is focused on white collar criminal defense, protecting intellectual property rights, and complex civil litigation. A former Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, Mr. Feuchtbaum specialized in investigating and prosecuting organized crime and official corruption cases. He oversaw several long-term investigations involving electronic surveillance that targeted money laundering, fraud, and extortion, including an investigation which led to the break-up of one of the largest illegal gun smuggling operations in New York City history. Mr. Feuchtbaum has defended major automotive and tire manufacturers in product liability actions, and he has defended individuals accused of complex frauds and business crimes. In addition to his trial experience, Mr. Feuchtbaum has written appellate briefs and petitions for matters pending in the California appellate courts and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has also argued before the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court. Mr. Feuchtbaum is a former Naval Officer who has served in combat.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Criminal Prosecution

- *People v. Pettaway, Day, Findley, Bailey, et al.*: Prosecuted the largest undercover firearm purchases in New York City history. Directed team of detectives in long-term investigation of interstate firearms trafficking into Bronx. Coordinated Federal and State agencies to achieve simultaneous arrests in different states.
- Long-term, investigation involving electronic surveillance of organized crime figures: Drafted electronic surveillance (wiretap and pen register) applications, amendments and reports to comply with extensive requirements for obtaining warrants and complying with court oversight. Oversaw deep undercover operation to develop strategy for infiltrating organized crime enterprises and enhancing surveillance on targets to develop prosecutable cases.

Criminal Defense

- *United States v. Milberg Weiss, et al.*: Represented individual defendant in federal prosecution of the Milberg Weiss law firm against charges alleging fraud, conspiracy, RICO conspiracy, money laundering, obstruction of justice, and other counts. Negotiated plea agreement that led to client receiving a no jail disposition where Sentencing Guidelines recommended 27 to 33 months confinement.
- Successfully represented clients to avoid indictment. Responsible for convincing prosecutors to decline prosecution of various clients in cases involving allegations of political extortion, interstate trafficking of illegal gambling devices; and in convincing

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federal agencies not to pursue criminal charges in cases alleging violations of IRS and SEC regulations. Assisted in representing other clients to avoid prosecution in cases involving allegations of political corruption and fraud.

Civil Cases

- Represented plaintiffs in case charging convicted felon who is a disbarred attorney and another with fraud and legal malpractice for practicing law without a license in representation of severely injured woman in case that was settled for fraction of the economic damages. Responsible for all aspects of case development and trial preparation.
- *Watts v. Ford Motor Company*: Member of trial team that achieved defense verdict after two month product liability case.

Appeals

- *Gnesda v. UPS*: Co-authored with Erwin Chemerinsky appellate briefs, motions and petitions seeking to preserve \$20 million punitive damages award in state civil case.
- *People v. Terrell*, 748 N.Y.S.2d 257 (App. Div. 2002): Wrote briefs and argued appeal opposing efforts to overturn murder conviction. Unanimously affirmed.
- *United States v. Ferrante*: Wrote and filed briefs in appeal before the Ninth Circuit seeking to withdraw guilty plea based upon theory that petitioner lacked a knowing and intelligent state of mind at time of plea. The Court granted oral argument on the briefs.

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PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Feuchtbaum is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is admitted to practice in California and in New York.

EDUCATION

B.S., United States Naval Academy, 1986

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

DECISIONS

People v. Terrell, 298 A.D.2d 241 (N.Y.A.D. 1 Dept., 2002)

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