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Vincent Marella is a founding partner of the firm, and has more than 30 years of experience representing clients in federal criminal prosecutions and related complex civil litigation.

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Vince represents corporations and individuals in grand jury investigations and post-indictment proceedings with a particular emphasis on representing high-level corporate officers and executives in criminal prosecutions, and parallel administrative and civil actions. Vince formerly was the National Chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on White Collar Crime, and founded and served as chair of its west coast subcommittee. He also served on the council of the ABA's Criminal Justice Section (1997 – 2000).

Vince has been recognized as being one of the foremost white-collar criminal defense lawyers in the nation. He has been named one of the best criminal defense lawyers in the country in the publication *The Best Lawyers In America* every year since the inception of that publication in 1984. Vince has also been recognized as one of America's leading lawyers in the publication *Chambers USA*, America's Leading Lawyers in Business and, in 2011 was honored by Chambers as a "Senior Statesman" and trial lawyer. Vince was also named one of California's leading business lawyers by California Lawyer Magazine in an article entitled "Best in the West" (August 2004) as well as recognized in the Guide to the World's Leading White Collar Crime Lawyers, published by Euromoney Publications, Plc, London.

Among his numerous notable cases, Vince tried the largest federal tax case in the District of Hawaii, and represented an international corporation and its chief executive officer in the largest federal criminal tax case in the nation. In addition, Vince has successfully represented chief executive officers, general counsel, chief financial officers and employees of major corporations in cases involving allegations of securities fraud, antitrust, health care fraud, customs fraud, embargo violations, as well as tax, mail and wire fraud. Vince has also conducted internal investigations, both in the U.S. and abroad, for many publicly held corporations as well as represented companies and their boards of directors in civil, criminal, and regulatory actions.

Education & Admissions

- Temple University School of Law, J.D., 1972
- Temple University, B.A., 1968

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania 1972, non-resident active
- Supreme Court of California, 1973
- U.S. District Courts: Central (1973), Northern (1980), Southern (1990) & Eastern (1992) District of California, District of Arizona (1998), District of Colorado (2002)
- U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth (1972) & Tenth (1998) Circuits, District of Columbia Circuit (1987)
- U.S. Tax Court, Washington, D.C., 1973
- United States Supreme Court, 1976

Associations

- Member, Temple Law School Board of Visitors, 1996-present
- Faculty, American Bar Association National White Collar Crime Institute, 1991-present
- Member, Magistrate Judge Selection Committee, Central District of California, 2001-2005
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, ACTL Attorney-Client Relationships Committee, 1996-2001; ACTL Southern California State Committee, 1995-2000
- Deputy General Counsel to Los Angeles Police Commission – Rampart Independent Review Panel, May 2000
- Professor of Law, Temple University Rome Program (International Criminal Law), Summer 1999
- Member, Los Angeles District Attorney's Advisory Committee, 1994
- Deputy General Counsel to Judge William Webster, Special Advisor to the Board of Police Commissioners, City of Los Angeles, 1992
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Federal Appointments Evaluation Committee, 1989-1992
- Member, Advisory Board, Bureau of National Affairs (BNA), American Corporate Counsel Association Corporate Compliance Manual
- Lecturer, NYU Tax Institute, 1988
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Loyola Law School, 1985-1987
- Instructor, U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Hearing Examiner – State Bar of California Disciplinary Board

Awards & Recognitions

- The *Lawdragon* Hall of Fame, Inducted 2026
- Leading Litigators in America, *Lawdragon*, 2023-present
- Southern California Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2004-present

- Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine,* 2005, 2007, 2009
- California's Leading Business Lawyers, White Collar Defense, "Best in the West," *California Magazine*, 2004
- Best Lawyers in America, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Best Lawyers®, 1983-present
- America's Leading Lawyers, *Chambers USA*
- Senior Statesman, *Chambers and Partners USA*, 2011, 2014-2016, 2017-2019
- Listed, "Guide to the World's Leading White Collar Crime Lawyers," *International Financial Law Review*, 1998

Articles & Publications

- Co-Author, "Tougher Standards for Changing Times: Sarbanes-Oxley, The SEC and The NYSE Create Significant Requirements for Audit Committees," ABA National Institute on White Collar Crime, 2005
- Co-Author, "The Prosecution's Obligations To Disclose Witness Proffers," ABA National Institute on White Collar Crime, 2001
- Co-Author, "Issues & Strategies in Defending Criminal Environmental Cases," ABA National Institute on White Collar Crime, 1995
- Co-Author, "West's California Criminal Law," West Publishing Co., 1995
- Co-Author, "Rough Remedial Justice: Implications of Halper and Austin in Civil Forfeiture Actions," ABA National Institute on Criminal Tax Fraud and Money Laundering, 1993
- Co-Author, "Motions to Disqualify," ABA Symposium on Criminal Prosecutions in the 90s, 1993
- Co-Author, "A Primer On Federal Environmental Crimes," Criminal Law News, 1993
- Author, "The Department of Justice Prosecutive Guidelines in Environmental Cases Involving Voluntary Disclosure — a Leap Forward or a Leap of Faith?" 29 Am. Cr. L. Rev. 1179, 1992
- Author, "The Defense of Environmental Cases," ABA National Institute on White Collar Crime, 1991
- Co-Author, "The Joint Defense Privilege and White Collar Criminal Representation," ABA Publication, White Collar Crime National Institute, 1991
- Author, "Administrative and Grand Jury Criminal Tax Investigations," NYU School of Continuing Education, Symposium on Tax Practice & Procedures, 1989
- Co-Author, "Preserving Confidentiality in Corporate Criminal Internal Investigations," Corporate Criminal Liability Reporter, 1987
- Co-Author, "The Corporate Criminal Investigation," Corporate Criminal Liability Reporter, 1986
- Author, "Ninth Circuit Review – The Defense of Discriminatory Prosecution: United States v. Scott and United States v. Oaks," 9 Loyola Law Review 419, 1976
- Author, "Ninth Circuit Review – The Insanity Defense: United States v. Hartfield and United States v. McGraw," 9 Loyola Law Review 419, 1976
- Author, "Introduction to Ninth Circuit Review of Criminal Cases," 9 Loyola Law Review 419, 1976