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### *Related Services*

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Scott O'Brien is a senior associate in Alston & Bird's Litigation & Trial Practice Group and focuses his practice on white collar criminal defense, government investigations, and complex commercial litigation.

Scott graduated cum laude from the Duke University School of Law, where he served as the executive editor of the *Duke Law Journal*. Following law school, Scott served as a law clerk to the Hon. William H. Pauley III on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He received his B.A., cum laude, from Dartmouth College.

### *Representative Experience*

- Representing multiple individuals in a DOJ investigation of potential violations of U.S. sanctions.
- Represented a state-owned foreign bank in a New York lawsuit alleging a multibillion-dollar fraud scheme.
- Represented a global consulting firm in the prosecution of former executives for violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.
- Defended a financial services technology company and its co-founders in civil litigation by a putative founder alleging the theft of a business idea and breach of a joint venture agreement. (S.D.N.Y.).
- Represented a major global auto manufacturer in a multidistrict products liability lawsuit.
- Represented a global financial institution in investigations by multiple state and federal agencies into allegations of insider trading by corporate executives and other Section 16 insiders, resulting in declinations in client's favor.
- Conducted internal investigations on behalf of major financial institutions related to Bank Secrecy Act violations and allegations of market abuse.

### *Publications & Presentations*

#### **Publications**

- "Of Blurred Lines and Baffled Juries," *Williams v. Bridgeport Music and the Unrealized Potential of Survey Evidence in Music Copyright*, GRAMMY Foundation Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition, 2016.
- "Analog Solutions: E-Discovery Spoliation Sanctions and the Proposed Amendments to FRCP 37(e)," *Duke Law Journal*, Vol. 65, No. 151, 2015.

#### **Education**

- Duke University (J.D., 2016)

- Dartmouth College (B.A., 2012)

## *Admitted to Practice*

- New York