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A former prosecutor, Aaron focuses his practice on financial crimes compliance, representing clients in white-collar defense and civil litigation matters.

He advises clients around the globe in matters involving:

- White-collar criminal charges
- Administrative enforcement actions
- Trade-related due diligence
- Complex financial disputes
- Internal investigations
- Entity list designations
- Corporate compliance issues

Aaron's practice is informed by his extensive private sector background, which includes overseeing anti-money laundering and sanctions programs for a global investment bank, and his experience as a public prosecutor. In the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, he led numerous investigations and prosecutions of global financial institutions for violations of U.S. sanctions laws. Aaron also served as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, where he prosecuted fraud and price fixing in the municipal bond industry.

Aaron represents clients in state and federal court and also before regulatory and criminal-justice agencies such as the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Services

- Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations
- Financial Services Industry
- International
- International Trade
- China
- CFIUS & National Security

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining us, Aaron practiced at a global law firm and was a partner at a New York-based litigation firm.

In addition to his work in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Department of Justice, Aaron also held senior positions in the Anti-Money Laundering and Economic Sanctions programs of a global investment bank.

Bar Admissions

- New York

Education

- Duke University School of Law (J.D.)
- Duke University (B.A.)

Languages

- Chinese - Mandarin

Honors & Awards

- Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, 2010
- Department of Justice National Asset Forfeiture Award for Outstanding Investigation, 2009
- Selected to the "Super Lawyers" list for Criminal Defense: White Collar in New York (2024-2025)

Representative Matters

Enterprise Risk Management and Compliance

- Advised a publicly traded global industrial manufacturer and power company on strategies to mitigate risks present in their U.S. entities.
- Assessed a private equity firm's Asian portfolio after it was acquired by a U.S. public company to eliminate compliance risks.
- For a privately owned Australian gaming company and numerous private/public partnership LNG companies, advised on risk mitigation related to national and foreign clients; beneficiary and economic sanctions; and commercial matters.
- Advised a major Australian university on software/technology export control, significantly minimizing risk.

Finance and Compliance

- Negotiated a breach of deal settlement for one of the largest Portuguese private/public partnership banks, which involved U.S. subsidiaries of a major UK institution.
- Resolved erroneous stock issuances and other questions for a founder of a publicly traded company.
- Oversaw an insurance company's third-party due diligence of perspective customers and provided strategies on fraud avoidance.
- Developed strategies on numerous U.S. and Asian M&A transactions.

Government Relations

- Served papers in China using Hague services conventions and numerous Asian/European relationships. Enabled a U.S. privately held machine tools manufacturer to gain a \$10 million+ U.S. trade secrets theft judgment.
- Proved that a high-net-worth individual's \$50 million wealth in U.S. account was legitimate, resulting in the government releasing funds.
- For a visiting cryptocurrency business executive, negotiated with U.S. government to extend time in the U.S. and permit travel.

Supply Chain Procurement

- Resolved export software/tech services/goods concerns for many IT companies. Assisted Chinese company with maintaining its relationships with a top U.S. technology company during the height of U.S./China trade disputes.
- Negotiated/settled numerous situations to U.S. firms' satisfaction during pandemic, when Asian manufacturers sold to others personal protective equipment already purchased by U.S. firms. Settled a conflict between an Asian factory that manufactures neoprene gloves and the U.S. purchaser by working with the Asian factory staff.