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A member of the firm's Litigation Department, Saverio focuses his practice on white collar criminal defense and complex commercial litigation.

Saverio is a creative problem-solver and trusted legal adviser who has navigated individual and corporate clients through high-profile government investigations and prosecutions. He has represented clients in U.S. Justice Department and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission investigations and has deep experience in various areas of the law, including RICO, fraud statutes, consumer financial protection laws, health care statutes, tax laws, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the False Claims Act and Anti Kickback statutes. Saverio also regularly works with clients to develop strategies in responding to subpoenas and other inquiries in both civil and criminal matters. Saverio is experienced in all stages of litigation in state and federal court, including drafting pleadings, motions practice, pretrial preparation, trial and appellate work.

He also maintains a robust pro bono practice and was named to the 2020 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, with high honors, by the D.C. Access to Justice Commission and the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center.

Services

- Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations

Before Fox Rothschild

Saverio was previously an associate in the Philadelphia office of a national law firm. He also worked as an associate at a Washington, DC-based law firm. Prior to private practice, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Jan E. DuBois of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Before law school, he served as a Marshal's Aide for the Supreme Court of the United States.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

During law school, Saverio was a member of the editorial board for *The Journal of Law and Politics* and was a member of the extramural moot court team. He also participated in UVA's Prosecution Clinic, where he was assigned to the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Augusta County, VA.

Saverio volunteers his time as a "big" in the Big Brother Big Sisters program in Philadelphia.

Representative Matters

- Represented outside accountant charged with participating in a RICO conspiracy arising out of work as a tax preparer for a company in the health care industry, resulting in a full acquittal on all charges after a seven-week jury trial in federal court.
- Represented Philadelphia City Councilmember in connection with federal criminal prosecution on honest services fraud charges arising out of an alleged bribery scheme, resulting in a full acquittal on all charges following a jury trial.
- Represented a pharmaceutical company executive in connection with federal criminal prosecution alleging that the company caused misbranded drugs to enter the stream of interstate commerce, resulting in the dismissal of all charges before trial.
- Represents luxury car dealership in connection with litigation matters.
- Represents owners of prominent fast casual restaurant in connection with federal criminal prosecution alleging tax evasion and conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service.
- Represented owner of construction company in connection with federal criminal prosecution alleging kickbacks, mail fraud and filing of false tax returns.
- Represented foreign manufacturer of goods in connection with federal criminal prosecution alleging evasion of excise taxes.
- Represented employee of construction company under investigation for alleged income tax evasion scheme.
- Represented individual charged with allegedly defrauding investors in a Ponzi-style scheme.
- Represented medical professional in connection with administrative agency enforcement action alleging failure to comply with federal privacy laws.
- Represented individual in connection with Attorney General investigation concerning alleged diversion of pharmaceuticals.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 2014)
- American University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2010)
 - Dean's Scholarship/Dean's List
 - William Barclift Scholarship for Communication

Memberships

- Philadelphia Bar Association
 - Large Firm Associate Committee
- The Justinian Society of Philadelphia
- Federal Criminal Law Committee for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Young Lawyers Committee

Board of Directors

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence

Publications

April 28, 2026

The Presumption of Innocence Podcast Series

July 3, 2025

Enhanced Whistleblower Program to Combat Tariff Evasion and Customs Fraud

Food Logistics

April 23, 2025

Self-Disclosure Calculus Remains Complex Under Trump DOJ

Law360

March 3, 2025

Texas Fraud Case Shows Dangers of Faulty Crypto Reporting

Law360

October 30, 2024

Unchargeable Conduct: The Next Frontier for Sentencing Reform

The Legal Intelligencer

April 5, 2023

As the Clock Ticks on Acquitted Conduct Sentencing, Is Relevant Conduct Sentencing Next?

February 24, 2023

DOJ Formalizes Framework for Corporate Cooperation Credit

December 6, 2022

The Fine Line Between Legitimate Action and Honest Services Fraud

For the Defense Vol. 7.4

May 13, 2022

US Investments in Foreign Cannabis: Unspoken Safe Harbor or Federal Tripwire?

The Legal Intelligencer

December 8, 2021

Keeping the Fox Out of the Henhouse: Are Government 'Filter Teams' Legal?

Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the *Legal 500* US Elite for White Collar Crime in Philadelphia (2026)
- Selected to the "Ones to Watch" list for Criminal Defense: White-Collar in Philadelphia, PA by *Best Lawyers* (2023-2026)
- Selected to the "Super Lawyers - Rising Stars" list for Criminal Defense: White Collar in Pennsylvania (2024)