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## Education

J.D., St. John's University, 1990  
(*magna cum laude*; Managing Editor,  
*Law Review*)

B.A., St. John's University, 1987  
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## Experience

Assistant United States Attorney,  
Eastern District of New York  
(1997-2000)

Law Clerk, Hon. J. Daniel Mahoney,  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Second Circuit (1990-1991)

For more than 30 years, Chris Gunther has defended corporations and individuals in white collar criminal matters and civil government enforcement cases, including through trial and on appeal. His practice includes domestic and cross-border investigations and prosecutions. He has extensive experience litigating against the U.S. Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other agencies and attorneys general. His representations have covered a wide range of matters, including securities laws and insider trading; banking, tax, accounting and medical device laws; anti-money laundering; and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Mr. Gunther also conducts internal investigations for entities and boards of directors in a variety of contexts and counsels on compliance issues. He has represented a New York state financial control board, as well as the governing boards of two public universities facing allegations of misconduct in their athletic programs.

Mr. Gunther has been repeatedly selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA* and as a Litigation Star in *Benchmark Litigation*, in addition to being named one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Global Litigators. He also has been recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in the Criminal Defense: White-Collar category. Earlier in his career, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of New York. He currently serves as a member of the Criminal Justice Act panel for indigent criminal defendants in the Southern District of New York.

## Publications

"Cross-Border Investigations Update," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*,  
Recurring publication

"DOJ Focus on Corporate Enforcement Continues With Updated Policies Related to Corporate Crime and Compliance Programs," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, March 10, 2023

"Enforcement Risks and the CARES Act," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 14, 2020

"SEC Enforcement Division Issues Annual Report: Increase in Enforcement Actions and Focus on Main Street and Cyber-Related Fraud," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, November 8, 2018