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Education

J.D., Washington and Lee University School of Law, 2008 (*magna cum laude*; Lead Articles Editor, *Washington and Lee Law Review*)

B.A., Communications, American University, Washington, D.C., 1996

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

South Carolina

Virginia

Military Service

Intelligence Specialist, United States Navy Reserve (2002-2007)

Colin Ram represents corporations, officers, directors and individuals in connection with a wide range of litigation matters and internal investigations. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense and related government enforcement matters, including actions initiated by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Recent cases include:

- representing a medical device manufacturer and supplier in connection with a federal False Claims Act investigation of alleged Medicare fraud. Following an extensive, multi-year investigation, the DOJ declined to intervene in the matter;
- representing an investment bank in connection with parallel civil and criminal investigations by the DOJ, SEC and U.S. Treasury Department regarding improper trading in the mortgage-backed securities market;
- representing a major pharmaceutical company in connection with an SEC investigation of allegations of accounting fraud and inadequate financial disclosures;
- representing a leading manufacturer of medical devices in parallel civil and criminal False Claims Act investigations involving whistleblower allegations of off-label promotion of its products;
- conducting an internal investigation on behalf of an investment bank in connection with an inquiry by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission into derivative benchmark rate manipulation;
- obtaining a writ of *habeas corpus* for a former U.S. Navy sailor and member of the “Norfolk Four” who was wrongfully convicted of capital murder, following a mini-trial of the case in U.S. District Court that established his innocence;

Mr. Ram dedicates a portion of his practice to representing indigent clients in various *pro bono* matters, including trial-level civil rights, tort and criminal cases. He received witness cross-examination training from the National Criminal Defense College in 2016 and 2018.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Ram traded complex derivative instruments, including financial futures and options, on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and on various electronic exchanges. From 2002 through 2007, he served as an enlisted intelligence specialist in the U.S. Navy Reserve, providing terrorism and threat assessments for naval forces transiting hostile regions.

Mr. Ram is active in charitable and community endeavors as well, including serving on the board of directors of the Oda Foundation, a nonprofit organization that develops health and education initiatives for impoverished areas of Nepal, and as vice president of the Law Alumni Association and Law Council of Washington and Lee University.