



## Julian W. Cokic

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### Locations

Houston

### **Related Practices**

Complex Commercial Litigation

### **Education**

- Cornell Law School (JD, *cum laude*, 2014)
- University of Connecticut School of Business (BS in Business and Technology, 2003)

Julian Cokic is a commercial litigator and investigations attorney that represents clients across a wide range of sectors. He focuses on resolving high-stakes commercial litigation relating to complex securities matters, contract disputes, misappropriation of trade secrets, and fraud, among other issues. He has extensive experience managing internal investigations and counseling companies and individuals facing investigations and enforcement actions brought by the DOJ, SEC, SROs, federal banking regulators, and other government agencies.

Prior to attending law school, Julian was a police officer and conducted investigations in conjunction with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Julian's experiences have helped him to navigate businesses and individuals through high-stress situations while maximizing business priorities and mitigating both legal and reputational risk.

### **Representative Experience**

- Successfully represented a client facing price gouging and a breach of its fixed-price contract for essential protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Successfully defended a client facing several related enforcement actions targeting firm-wide business and compliance practices for which no legal precedent existing, ultimately resulting in a no-action letter.
- Conducted an overseas investigation, spanning multiple African countries for a sub-Saharan African bank involving corrupt practices including bribery and foreign exchange manipulation.
- Successfully represented a major financial institution in disclosing vulnerabilities and remediation to its secure electronic system, ultimately resulting in a no-action letter.
- Conducted internal investigation for a major financial institution relating to a whistleblower's claims of retaliation for identifying alleged compliance violations.
- Successfully represented registered representatives testifying before FINRA regarding their supervision and failure to detect financial advisors' fraudulent activities.

### **Bar Admissions**

- New York

- Texas

### **Honors and Awards**

- As a police officer, Julian received commendations for both exceptional on-the-job performance as well as academic excellence.
- The Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut honored Julian as the “Top Police Academy Student” for Connecticut for the 2007 calendar year.

### **Resources**

- California Court of Appeal rules that cultural bias supports vacatur of arbitral award (FCM Investments, LLC v Grove Pham LLC et al)
- Eleventh Circuit rules that arbitrators’ ‘Professional Familiarity’ does not support vacatur (Grupo Unidos por el Canal, SA, et al v Autoridad del Canal de Panama)
- USA—Arizona District Court finds ‘Lucid’ arguments compel arbitration (Schnellecke Logistics US LLC v Lucid US Inc)
- SCOTUS upholds foreign plaintiff’s RICO lawsuit alleging evasion of judgment (Yegiazaryan, aka Egiazaryan v Smagin et al)
- Eleventh Circuit rules that domestic law governs arbitral award vacatur (Corporación AIC, SA v Hidroeléctrica Santa Rita)
- Fifth Circuit may consider the full arbitral record in determining a challenge on arbitrability (In the Matter of Jon Christian Amberson)