

# Former Connecticut Assistant United States Attorney David X. Sullivan Joins McCarter & English

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*McCarter strengthens litigation and white collar practices with addition of Sullivan*

McCarter & English, LLP is pleased to announce that David X. Sullivan has joined the firm's Business Litigation group as a partner in the Hartford and Stamford offices. Sullivan is a former Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut with more than 30 years of experience in investigating and prosecuting financial crimes, including money laundering, bank and financial institutions fraud, wire fraud, and tax fraud, as well as litigating criminal and civil asset forfeiture cases.

As a lead prosecutor, Sullivan's experience provides clients with a solid understanding of litigation strategy in federal civil and criminal jury and bench trials. In addition, he will offer deep experience with financial investigations and judicial actions, including counseling on civil and criminal asset forfeiture and the Bank Secrecy Act, bolstering McCarter's strong litigation bench and growing the firm's white collar practice in New England.

Thomas J. Finn, chair of the firm's Business Litigation group, said, "David is highly regarded in Connecticut and throughout the country, and we're thrilled to welcome him to our team. He has an impressive track record and his unique background in money laundering and asset forfeiture greatly adds to our capabilities to serve our clients in the financial services sector in compliance, investigations, and complex litigation."

Sullivan was appointed as the national representative for all 94 US Attorney offices as the Department of Justice's liaison for a federal inter-agency task force developed to improve communications on money laundering and asset forfeiture policies after the attacks of September 11. This consensus building experience provided long-term relationships with several federal agencies in developing the current regulatory framework and is why he has been asked to train personnel at the Internal Revenue Service, the State Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Treasury on money laundering regulations.

During his time with the US Attorney's Office, Sullivan headed the Asset Forfeiture Unit where he coordinated with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

"I am very pleased to begin this next stage of my career as a partner at McCarter. McCarter has a tremendous reputation in the

courts for being fair but tenacious advocates for their clients, which is a great fit for me. I look forward to working and collaborating with my new colleagues to resolve issues for organizations, particularly in the financial sector,” said Sullivan.

Sullivan is an adjunct professor at Yale Law School and at Western Connecticut State University. He graduated from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America and earned his Master of Laws in taxation from the Quinnipiac University School of Law.

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