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## Introduction

Angelo Calfo's practice emphasizes complex civil and commercial litigation and government enforcement proceedings. A former federal prosecutor with substantial experience litigating complex civil matters, Angelo has the background to try cases of all varieties.

Angelo has been recognized as a preeminent trial lawyer and white-collar defense lawyer by the Chambers & Partners USA Report (2006-2020) and by several other legal rating firms. Chambers & Partners has noted that Angelo "commands an impressive reputation as a 'masterful trial lawyer'" and that peers view him as "extraordinarily talented for both white-collar and complex civil cases." Angelo has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America and the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers as a "Lawyer of the Year" for his successful trial work in obtaining defense verdicts in civil and criminal cases.

### *Complex Civil and Commercial Litigation*

Angelo's practice emphasizes complex civil matters relating to a broad array of industries, including those involving allegations of securities fraud, consumer protection violations, antitrust violations, class actions, breach of contract, product liability, and corporate governance disputes. Some of his notable matters have included representation of:

- Healthcare providers in class action alleging negligence and breach of contract claims relating to billing for emergency room services
- National restaurant chain franchisors in class actions alleging antitrust claims arising out of alleged "anti-poaching" agreements with franchisees
- Fortune 500 technology services company in action brought by competitor relating to alleged breach of restrictive covenants in hiring competitor's former executive
- Pharmaceutical conglomerate in multiple product liability matters alleging personal injury arising out of the use of pelvic mesh devices
- Northwest gasoline pipeline company (a joint venture of three publicly traded energy companies) in \$500 million business interruption lawsuit brought by refinery arising out of a major gasoline spill
- Online travel website in breach of contract action brought by commercial real estate firm seeking compensation for work performed in acquisition of company's Seattle campus
- Online travel website in civil RICO class action alleging consumer protection and other violations arising out of "taxes and fees" charges for online travel bookings

- Fortune 100 technology consulting firm in litigation arising out of its sale of computer software and services to government agencies
- Foreign computer hardware conglomerate in antitrust enforcement action brought by the Washington State Attorney General
- CEO of real estate syndication firm in national securities class action arising out of the sale of billions of dollars in fractional interests in commercial real estate
- Washington Interscholastic Activities Association in defamation lawsuits brought by two coaches in the wake of inquiries into improper recruiting and other rules violations by a nationally-ranked high school football program
- Seattle biotechnology company in lawsuit for breach of contract brought against its Medicare consultant
- Payment processor in class action litigation alleging consumer protection and related violations in the processing of payments to debt collection services.
- David Copperfield Disappearing Act, Inc. in breach of contract litigation in arising out of cancellation of the illusionist's Southeast Asian tour.

***White Collar Criminal Defense, False Claims Act, and State Attorney General Matters***

Angelo's practice also emphasizes white collar criminal defense, whistleblower or False Claims Act lawsuits, and state attorney general enforcement actions. He has defended companies and individuals in cases involving allegations of environmental and safety-related criminal offenses, and in securities, healthcare, antitrust, government contracting, consumer protection, and tax fraud matters.

Angelo's recent clients and matters have included representation of:

- Chemical company and one of its managers in environmental criminal prosecution alleging obstruction of justice and knowing endangerment under the Clean Air Act, arising out of company's operation of a vermiculite mine in Libby, Montana
- President of Native-owned Canadian cigarette manufacturing company in federal excise tax evasion trial.
- Publicly-elected Washington State Auditor in trial alleging wire fraud, money laundering, perjury, tax fraud and false statements.
- Representation of numerous Fortune 100 pharmaceutical, technology, energy, financial, and consumer services companies in consumer protection lawsuits and CID investigations initiated by the Washington State Attorney General's Office
- Numerous individuals in separate insider trading investigations and prosecutions by the SEC and the Justice Department
- Numerous government contractors in separate civil and criminal investigations relating to alleged billing fraud
- Seattle pharmaceutical company in False Claims Act investigation and federal criminal investigation based on allegations of off-label marketing of cancer treatment and improper Medicare reimbursement
- Executives in separate federal grand jury investigations and related proceedings arising out of the Deepwater Horizon fire and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico
- Refinery executive in federal criminal investigation of alleged Clean Air Act and worker safety violations arising out of explosion at Anacortes, Washington refinery
- Seattle-based seafood distribution company in grand jury investigation by FDA relating to alleged distribution of adulterated seafood products

- Healthcare technology company in criminal and civil False Claims Act investigations into U.S. Commerce Department grant, and in related employment litigation and Sarbanes-Oxley administrative proceedings arising out of whistleblower complaint
- Internationally-known celebrity and illusionist David Copperfield in grand jury investigation into allegations of kidnapping and fraud
- Chairman of Russia-based seafood company on federal tax evasion charges arising out of company loan and dividend payments
- Financial advisor and New York Times' best-selling author in federal tax evasion trial involving transactions with charitable remainder trust

Angelo frequently lectures on trial practice, grand jury investigations and legal ethics. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Angelo taught at the U.S. Attorney General's Advocacy Institute.

Angelo has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Matt Talbot Center, a nonprofit drug and alcohol recovery center offering services to homeless men and women, located in the Belltown neighborhood of Seattle.