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OVERVIEW

Travis Gery is a counsel at the firm's Harrisburg office. He is a member of the firm's White Collar Defense and Investigations practice group. His practice focuses on government investigations, internal investigations, white-collar defense and corporate compliance including matters involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), anti-money-laundering (AML), healthcare fraud, federal and state false claims acts, and other anti-corruption laws. He assists in conducting internal investigations and counseling corporations and individuals responding to government investigations conducted by state and federal enforcement and regulatory agencies. He also handles complex litigation.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Travis served as the Executive Director and Counsel to the Pennsylvania Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. He coordinated the legislative agenda and provided policy analysis on all issues involving the public utilities (electric, gas, water, telecommunications, and common carrier), professional licensing and other matters related to consumer protection.

Travis was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve as Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs. He executed the statutory duties set forth in the Administrative Code and managed and directed the 250 employees of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) charged with providing administrative support to the 29 professional licensing boards and commissions under the jurisdiction of BPOA. He also served as a member of the professional licensing boards and commissions.

Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he served as the Executive Deputy Chief Counsel of BPOA, an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Southern District of West Virginia, a Deputy Attorney General (DAG) in the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, a Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, a civil litigator with a small, boutique Philadelphia law firm and a Judge Advocate in the United States Navy.

As Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Travis supervised and directed a staff of 53 attorneys and was responsible for the investigations and prosecutions of professional licensees for violations of the various practice acts and regulations.

As an AUSA, working with agents of the FBI, DEA, Secret Service and other federal and state law enforcement agencies, Travis directed the investigations of and prosecuted individuals and organizations engaged in criminal activity, including drug trafficking, money laundering and fraud.

As a DAG in the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering section, Travis worked with both federal and state law enforcement agencies investigating and prosecuting individuals and organizations engaged in complex criminal activity. He also provided training to the Pennsylvania State Police, agents of the Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotics Investigations, and local police on the conduct of money laundering and other complex investigations. As a CDDA, Travis led the multi-agency Drug Task Force and the Auto-theft and Insurance Fraud Task Force overseeing and directing the investigations and prosecuting cases arising therefrom.

As a former AUSA, DAG, and CDDA, Travis has extensive grand jury and trial experience. He has tried over 100 cases to verdict in both state and federal courts.

Travis served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Navy for 28 years (3 years on active duty followed by 25 years in the selected reserve) and retired with the rank of Commander. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Navy Commendation Medal (3), and the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal (3).

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Travis firmly believes in the importance of public service and community involvement. In furtherance of his commitment to the community, he has served in the following capacities:

- Pottstown Borough Council, Vice President
- Salvation Army, Pottstown Corp, Advisory Board Member
- Boy Scouts of America, District Chairman, Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Den Leader
- Cumberland County Planning Commission, Vice Chairman
- American Legion, Post Commander
- Little League Baseball, Coach and Manager
- Hope Community Church, Elder and Adult Sunday School teacher

EDUCATION

- J.D., Widener University Delaware Law School, 1989 *(cum laude)*
- B.A., Dickinson College, 1986

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New Jersey

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- Bar of West Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "Something's Gotta Give: Navigating Auditor Inquiries in Investigations," *Anti-Corruption Report* (2-part series), 21 December 2022 and 4 January 2023; reprinted in *Cybersecurity Law Report*, *Private Equity Law Report*, *Hedge Fund Law Report*

NEWS & EVENTS

- 5 February 2021, K&L Gates' Harrisburg Lawyers Secure Victory in Pro Bono Third Circuit Appeal

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption
- Anti-Money Laundering (AML)
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Federal, State, and Local False Claims Act
- Healthcare Fraud and Abuse (US)
- Internal Investigations
- US Political Law
- White Collar Defense and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

- Critical Minerals
- Energy
- Power