

HOWARD S. MASTER

MANAGING DIRECTOR & COUNSEL TO THE CEO

Based in the firm's New York office, Howard Master is a Managing Director and Counsel to the CEO. Howard supports the firm's global practices, including its work supporting white collar criminal defense, civil litigation and arbitration; its anti-corruption and fraud investigations; and its monitorship and compliance efforts. Howard also advises the firm on major strategic initiatives.

Howard joins Nardello & Co. after an acclaimed career as a leader, investigator, and trial lawyer in federal, state, and local prosecutors' offices. In these roles, Howard led and achieved exceptional results in groundbreaking investigations of official corruption, fraud, money laundering, securities violations, and other complex white collar offenses; workplace sexual harassment; and prosecutorial and police misconduct.

At the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY), where Howard served as a public corruption prosecutor and later as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division and Criminal Health Care Fraud Coordinator, Howard investigated and prosecuted individual and corporate wrongdoers responsible for major corruption scandals and financial crimes, including those responsible for the largest fraud, kickback, and money laundering scheme ever perpetrated against New York City; Sheldon Silver, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, who received millions of dollars in bribes; and a corporate executive at Valeant Pharmaceuticals who carried out a \$10 million kickback and money laundering scheme.

Later, at the New York State Office of the Attorney General (OAG), where Howard served as Senior Enforcement Counsel to the Attorney General, Howard led and represented the State of New York in significant OAG and multistate investigations. His accomplishments included a pioneering investigation and enforcement action targeting pervasive workplace misconduct by Harvey Weinstein and The Weinstein Company, and successful multistate and local investigations of the opioids industry.

At the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO), Howard served as Special Counsel to the District Attorney. There, he supervised many of the office's most significant investigations, including an investigation that exonerated a man who served 33 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. Howard also created the SCDAO's Conviction Integrity Bureau and oversaw all of the SCDAO's conviction integrity, public corruption, and complex fraud and money laundering cases.

Just the Facts

Education

- JD, *magna cum laude*, New York University
- BA, Yale University

Awards

- US Department of Justice, Director's Award for Superior Performance
- Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, Prosecutor of the Year
- US Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces, Investigation of the Year
- Order of the Coif

Professional Affiliations

- Federal Bar Council

Publications

- "Legislative Corruption," *The Anti-Corruption Manual: A Guide for State Prosecutors* (2021)

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Howard has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School since 2016, where he teaches an advanced seminar on corruption law. He is a frequent lecturer on corruption, ethics, and investigative techniques.

Early in his career, Howard clerked for the Honorable José A. Cabranes in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for the Honorable Victor Marrero in the Southern District of New York.

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