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Victor Rocco is the chair of Herrick's White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice. Vic has extensive trial and appellate experience in federal and state courts and regularly represents U.S. and foreign corporations in internal corporate investigations, criminal, civil and regulatory matters, arbitrations and complex commercial disputes.

Vic defends individuals and corporations in private securities actions, enforcement and regulatory proceedings, derivative lawsuits, civil antitrust matters and RICO actions. He has extensive experience in cross-border investigations and prosecutions, extradition matters, bankruptcy litigation, insurance coverage disputes and in complex commercial litigation involving licensing, business torts and breach of contract claims.

Vic has represented a broad spectrum of clients who have been sued, investigated, and/or charged with violations of securities statutes and regulations including the federal RICO, Sherman and Clayton Acts, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Taft-Hartley Act, Hobbs Act, and Lacey Act, in addition to statutes involving money laundering; mail and wire fraud; bank, tax and bankruptcy fraud; smuggling, and export controls.

Prior to entering private practice, Vic was Chief of the Criminal Division for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York and, prior to that, Chief of the Office's Narcotics section. He also served as law clerk to the Honorable John F. Scileppi, Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.

Vic has been recognized as a top white collar criminal defense attorney by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* (2006 - 2021), which rates outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. He also frequently lectures on RICO, complex litigation tactics, legal ethics, and trial strategies and techniques; and has taught trial advocacy at the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, The National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the Practising Law Institute and before a number of professional groups.

Services

- Litigation
- White Collar Defense & Investigations
- Securities Litigation and Enforcement
- MENA (Middle East and North Africa)
- International

Education

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D., 1970)
- St. John's University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1967)

Recognitions and Accolades

- *Thomson Reuters New York Metro Super Lawyers (2006 - 2023)*[Award Methodology](#)

Memberships & Associations

- Law Clerk, Hon. John F. Scileppi, Associate Judge, New York Court of Appeals (1970-1972)
- American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section
- New York State Bar Association, Commercial Litigation Section
- The Association of the Bar of the City of New York
 - Committee on Professional Responsibility (2000-2003)
 - Committee on Criminal Advocacy (1986-1989), Committee on Criminal Law (1983-1986)
 - Ad Hoc Committee on Pretrial Publicity (1986)
- New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Federal Bar Council
- New York Council of Defense Lawyers
 - Director (1989-1992)
 - Secretary-Treasurer (1996-1998)
 - Vice President (1998-2000)
 - President (2001-2003)
- The Legal Aid Society, Board of Advisors (2006-2007)
- The Legal Aid Society, Board of Directors

News

September 29, 2022

Congratulations to Herrick Attorneys on their Selection to Super Lawyers 2022
Super Lawyers

March 3, 2022

Turkey's Quest for the Stargazer: Part 2
The Art Law Podcast

September 30, 2021

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Super Lawyers

October 28, 2020

Congratulations to Herrick Attorneys on their Selection to Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers

September 12, 2019

Congratulations to Herrick Attorneys on their Selection to Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers

March 19, 2015

How to Handle an Investigation of Your Art Gallery
Artelligence Podcast

July 16, 2014

Victor J. Rocco's Move to Herrick Reported in Major News Outlets

The Wall Street Journal, The American Lawyer, Bloomberg News, The Deal, and Thompson Reuters' Westlaw

July 8, 2014

Victor J. Rocco to Lead Herrick, Feinstein's White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Publications

March 11, 2022

Treasury Releases Much-Anticipated Study on Illicit Finance in the High-Value Art Market

December 1, 2021

New Anti-Money Laundering Regulations for Antiquities Trade Due at Year's End

September 2016

New Jersey Federal Criminal and Regulatory Alert

June 2016

SEC Fines Morgan Stanley \$1 Million for Failing to Secure Client Data

June 2016

FINRA Adopts New Rule 2272 Regarding Securities Offers and Sales on Military Installations

December 2, 2015

New Jersey Federal Criminal and Regulatory Alert

March 19, 2015

Real Estate Litigation Alert: How New York's Living Wage Law Affects Commercial Leases,
New York Combats Abuses of MBWE Programs, Attorney General Cracks Down on Improper
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