



Tom Stout is a seasoned trial lawyer with more than 15 years of experience trying and winning difficult cases. Tom specializes in white collar defense, government and internal investigations, and complex civil litigation. He has successfully represented clients across a range of industries, including technology, financial services, public utilities, energy, health care, and engineering.

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- Civil Litigation
- White Collar Defense
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Tom's experience includes representing clients in connection with investigations or civil litigation relating to wildfires and other environmental incidents, venture capital investments, insider trading allegations, securities fraud allegations, USCIS audits, campaign finance, and government ethics. Tom has successfully persuaded prosecutors not to pursue criminal cases against his clients, secured early dismissal with prejudice of civil securities fraud claims, negotiated favorable pre-indictment plea agreements that spared his clients prison, and secured the compassionate release from federal prison of a vulnerable client.

Before co-founding London & Stout P.C., Tom spent nearly a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern and Central Districts of California, where he was assigned to the Public Corruption and Civil Rights, Economic Crimes and Securities Fraud, and Special Prosecutions Sections. As an AUSA, Tom led investigations and prosecutions of corporate executives for fraud, public officials for bribery and embezzlement, professionals for tax fraud, medical providers for health care fraud, and law enforcement agents and officers for official corruption, civil rights offenses, and obstruction of justice. Tom played a significant role on the DOJ team responsible for securing a three billion dollar penalty from Wells Fargo Bank over its fraudulent and deceptive sales and account opening practices. In 2017, the Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorney's awarded Tom the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an AUSA for his leadership in prosecuting and trying the largest nationwide foreclosure rescue scam investigated by President Obama's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force. Tom's trial experience includes prosecutions for mail and wire fraud, obstruction of justice, government benefit fraud, civil rights, and child exploitation. The Department of Justice selected Tom to train new federal prosecutors from around the country in trial advocacy as a faculty member for its National Advocacy Center. In addition to his trial work, Tom has successfully argued in front of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Prior to the Department of Justice, Tom clerked for the Honorable Virginia A. Phillips of the United States District Court for the Central District of California and worked for the law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. While with Simpson Thacher, Tom represented publicly traded technology companies in securities and intellectual property litigation, a DRAM manufacturer in multi-district antitrust litigation stemming from a related DOJ investigation and criminal prosecution, and private equity firms in shareholder derivative class actions. Tom also represented audit committees of boards of directors of several publicly traded companies in internal investigations and has represented financial services companies in responding to subpoenas from the DOJ, SEC, and state Attorneys General.

Tom is committed to pro bono representation, having represented an immunocompromised inmate seeking compassionate release from federal prison during the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Association of Mental Health Patients Rights Advocates in fighting for the rights of elderly patients, a coalition of religious organizations in filing an amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court in Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1, and an indigent criminal defendant in appealing his conviction to the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division.

Tom is a member of the Federal Courts standing committee of the California Lawyers Association's Litigation Section and a barrister in the Edward J. McFetridge Inn of Court.

Clerkship

- The Honorable Virginia A. Phillips, United States District Court for the Central District of California

Education

- New York University, J.D.
- Yale College, B.A. with honors

Honors

- Recipient of Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney – Criminal
- Nominated for multiple Attorney General Awards, including Award for Distinguished Service
- Nominated for California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award
- Recipient of California Attorney General Kamala Harris' Smart on Crime Award
- Recipient of the Audit Award for Excellence from the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
- Recipient of Award for Outstanding Performance on Behalf of Crime Victims, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California
- Recipient of awards of recognition from multiple federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, IRS, SIG TARP, and FHFA OIG
- Part of litigation team honored by the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley for distinguished pro bono service

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit