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**Robert Luskin** is a partner in the Investigations and White Collar Defense practice at Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. He is one of the best known and most highly-regarded litigators in Washington, D.C., concentrating in complex criminal and civil litigation at both the trial court and appellate level. As a lawyer first in government service and later in private practice, Mr. Luskin has represented clients in virtually every high-profile matter in Washington, D.C. over the last three decades.

Mr. Luskin has special experience in cases involving allegations of official corruption. While at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), he helped supervise the ABSCAM investigation, which resulted in the conviction of several members of Congress, and thereafter represented the DOJ in hearings before Congress concerning the investigation. Since entering private practice, he has represented a Cabinet Officer and senior White House officials of both parties in criminal investigations by Independent Counsels and the DOJ, the senior staff of a U.S. Senator in the Keating Five Senate Ethics Investigation, and Members of Congress from both parties in criminal investigations. Mr. Luskin successfully represented a sitting U.S. District Judge in a criminal trial and appeal, securing the reversal of his client's conviction before the U.S. Supreme Court and the *en banc* U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. More recently, he successfully represented Karl Rove in the Special Counsel investigation of a leak of the identity of a CIA officer and a member of Congress in the investigations arising out of the prosecution of lobbyist Jack Abramoff. He also currently represents Lance Armstrong, "Mark Owen," the former Navy Seal who authored the book "No Easy Day," and the gubernatorial campaign of Governor Chris Christie in the so-called "bridgegate" investigations.

Mr. Luskin has devoted his attention recently to the particular challenges posed by the representation of foreign corporations and financial institutions in multi-jurisdictional, cross-border criminal investigations and has reached path-breaking agreements in these areas with the DOJ. He has special expertise in

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### Practice Areas

Energy  
Anti-corruption and FCPA  
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Litigation  
National Security Regulation  
and Investigations

### Admissions

District of Columbia Bar

### Education

Harvard Law School, J.D.  
1979

Harvard University, A.B. 1972

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civil and criminal investigations under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and has represented foreign corporations in three of the five largest FCPA investigations ever resolved with the DOJ and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr. Luskin also has extensive recent experience representing individuals and financial institutions in investigations of potential violations of U.S. sanctions laws, with experience before the DOJ, OFAC, and state, federal, and foreign regulators. He has represented a major French bank and more than a dozen senior executives of BNP Paribas in criminal and civil sanctions investigations and currently represents British and Middle-Eastern financial institutions in ongoing criminal and civil investigations of potential sanctions violations.

From 1980 to 1982, he was Special Counsel to the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he was responsible for legal and policy issues concerning the Organized Crime Strike Forces, as well as supervision and review of complex undercover operations.

Mr. Luskin is a past Chairman of the Committee on RICO, Forfeitures and Alternative Remedies of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, former President of the Harvard Law School Association of the District of Columbia, and has been a member of the D.C. Circuit Judicial Conference. For two decades, he was a Lecturer at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he taught courses in advanced criminal law and labor racketeering, and is currently a member of the faculty of the Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches a course in Global Anti-Corruption. He has lectured at Harvard Law School, the Sorbonne, and other universities.

### Recent Representations

- United States v. Technip, SA (representing French corporation in reaching a deferred prosecution agreement to resolve charges under the FCPA arising from the Bonny Island investigation)
- United States v. Total, SA (representing French corporation in reaching a deferred prosecution agreement to resolve charges under the FCPA)
- United States v. Alstom, SA (representing French corporation in resolving charges under the FCPA in the largest criminal case ever settled by the DOJ at the time)
- BNP-Paribas (successfully representing more than dozen senior executives of BNP-Paribas in a combined state and federal civil and criminal investigation of potential sanctions violations)
- British Financial Institution (currently representing a significant British financial

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- institution in ongoing criminal and civil investigations of potential violations of U.S., UK, EU, and UN sanctions)
- Middle-Eastern Financial Institution (currently representing a major Middle Eastern commercial bank in an ongoing criminal and civil investigation of potential violations of U.S. sanctions)
- United States v. Aguilar, 515 U.S. 593 (1995) (representing U.S. District Judge)
- Laborers' International Union of North America, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Union of Operating Engineers (developing compliance programs)

### Speaking Engagements and Publications

- Lectured on issues of jurisdiction and data protection in cross-border, multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations, December 2014, University of Paris-II, Sorbonne
- Litigation Achievements, July 2009
- BRIEFING PAPERS: "Under Pressure: The New Congress and What You Need to Know to Prepare For A Congressional Investigation," September 2007
- "When Congress Calls," Inside Litigation, June 2006
- Author, "Behold, The Day of Judgment: Is the RICO Pattern Requirement Void for Vagueness," 64 St. John's L. Rev. 779, January 1990

### News

#### May 01, 2019

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2019

#### May 11, 2018

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2018

#### December 15, 2017

Paul Hastings Wins Financial Times' Business of Law Award for Managing and Developing Talent

#### October 31, 2017

Paul Hastings Investigations and White Collar Defense Practice Named Most Impressive Investigations Practice by Leading Industry Publication Global Investigations Review

#### June 05, 2017

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2017

### **July 11, 2016**

Paul Hastings Continues White Collar Expansion with Addition of SEC  
Enforcement Partners

### **June 08, 2016**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA  
2016

### **February 23, 2015**

Paul Hastings Continues White Collar Expansion with Addition of High-Profile  
Washington, D.C. Partner Group

## **Insights**

### **May 06, 2019**

Something Familiar, Something New: OFAC's Compliance Program Framework

### **October 24, 2016**

DOJ Voluntary Disclosure Guidance Signals Expanded Role in Export Control &  
Sanctions Investigations

## **Rankings & Awards**

### **October 24, 2019**

Recognized in the Global Investigations Review's GIR 100 for 2019

### **April 26, 2019**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2019

### **February 14, 2019**

Recognized by Chambers Global 2019

### **November 02, 2018**

Recognized in the Global Investigations Review's GIR 100 for 2018

### **May 15, 2018**

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Recognized by Chambers USA 2018

### **December 11, 2017**

Recognized by the Financial Times' for Innovation in Litigation and Disputes

### **October 27, 2017**

Recognized in the Global Investigations Review's GIR 100 for 2017

### **October 26, 2017**

Recognized as Global Investigations Review's Most Impressive Investigations Practice

### **September 25, 2017**

Recognized by The American Lawyer for the Global Dispute of the Year: Investigations (Latin America)

### **June 05, 2017**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2017

### **September 29, 2016**

Recognized in the Global Investigations Review's GIR 100 for 2016

### **August 22, 2016**

Ranked by Global Investigations Review's coverage of Washington DC's FCPA Bar

### **June 08, 2016**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2016