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Ranked in Chambers USA 2025 for
Washington, DC, Litigation: White-Collar
Crime & Government Investigations

Jesse is a trial lawyer who focuses on global corporate compliance, white-collar criminal defense, and internal investigations. Jesse founded SouthBank Legal's compliance and white-collar practices and has tried dozens of federal cases to jury verdict. Jesse represents clients at all stages of review, investigation, and litigation, including Fortune 500 companies and high-level corporate executives.

In 2025, Chambers ranked Jesse among the top bands for White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations in Washington, D.C. According to sources: "Jesse is outstanding in all criteria we consider important when choosing outside counsel." "Jesse was phenomenal. He's easy to work with, professional and knowledgeable." "Jesse is an exceptionally detailed, thoughtful and strategic attorney." "In the actual trial he is unmatched."

Previously, Jesse practiced at Am Law 100 firms and as an Assistant United States Attorney. During his 13 years as a federal prosecutor, Jesse led hundreds of investigations into government corruption and a wide variety of financial crimes. Jesse received awards for his service from multiple federal agencies.

Jesse received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Notre Dame Law School and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame. He was Editor in Chief of the Notre Dame Law Review and clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

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"[Jesse Barrett] is one of the top white-collar lawyers in the country."

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Representative Experience

Represented a Fortune 500 company in disputes regarding global contracts for broadcasting high-profile sports competitions following a federal bribery investigation.

Conducted multiple compliance projects for a Fortune 500 company, implementing systems for compliance review of sensitive transactions and enhancing global compliance monitoring.

Conducted a global compliance risk assessment for a Fortune 500 company. This required interviewing executives across business units, identifying compliance risks, developing a briefing for the Audit Committee, and conducting corporate policy review.

Represented a Fortune 500 company in compliance and diligence efforts regarding a high-risk international acquisition, including review for bribery, tax, and other compliance issues.

Represented a Fortune 10 company in sensitive internal investigations into alleged corporate misconduct in Latin America and Africa.