

PRESS RELEASE

Joe Whitley to Co-Chair Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute

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(Atlanta, GA / August 22, 2016) Joe D. Whitley, a shareholder in Baker Donelson's Atlanta and Washington, D.C. offices and chair of the Firm's Government Enforcement and Investigations Group, will serve as co-chair of the Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute, presented by the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section on September 8 – 9 in Braselton, Georgia.

The Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute will be a two-day program featuring top tier practitioners from around the nation covering topics such as health care fraud, securities enforcement, public corruption prosecutions and investigations, economic crimes, electronic discovery, qui tam cases and economic espionage prosecutions.

"The Institute provides the participants with a superb learning environment to hear presentations on cutting edge issues from leading defense counsel, U.S. Attorneys, and the federal judiciary. The agenda is developed with a view toward enhancing the legal skills and knowledge of the attendees at a price point well below other comparable programs," said Mr. Whitley.

In addition to co-chairing the event, Mr. Whitley will moderate a panel discussing "**Economic Espionage Prosecutions and International Criminal Enforcement**" (11:25 a.m. – 12:55 p.m., Friday, September 9).

Also included among the speakers is Matthew S. Chester, former Assistant U.S. Attorney and a member of Baker Donelson's Government Enforcement and Investigations Group. Mr. Chester will serve as a panelist discussing "**Official Acts, Quid Pro Quo, and Honest Services: Legal Developments and New Strategies in Corruption Cases**" (1:50 – 3:20 p.m., Thursday, September 8).

Mr. Whitley represents clients nationally and internationally in white-collar criminal matters and regulatory enforcement, corporate internal investigations, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and U.S. export controls and compliance. Prior to joining the Firm, he had a wide-ranging career in the Department of Justice. Mr. Whitley also served under five U.S. Attorneys General and four presidents in a number of key operational and policy positions, including his appointment in 2003 by President George W. Bush as the first General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the highest-ranking legal official in DHS. Mr. Whitley continues to have a Homeland Security practice, and for the last 11 years has chaired the ABA's Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice Homeland Security Law Institute.