

BROWN GOLDSTEIN LEVY

## Criminal Defense

Brown, Goldstein & Levy has some of the most experienced and skilled criminal defense lawyers in Maryland. Stu Simms was a career state and federal prosecutor, including serving two terms as State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Baltimore's top prosecutor. Stu and Joshua Treem were Assistant U.S. Attorneys for four and five years, respectively, and Andy Levy is the former Chair of the Maryland State Bar Association's Criminal Law and Practice Section.

Joshua was selected 2018 and 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for General Criminal Defense in the Baltimore area by *The Best Lawyers in America*. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same community and the same practice area for his abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

Andy and Joshua were selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 in the fields of White-Collar Criminal Defense and General Criminal Defense. Stu was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 in the field of General Criminal Defense. Andy has been recognized among the "Top 100" lawyers in Maryland by *Super Lawyers*. The *Washington Post* listed Joshua as one of Baltimore & Washington, D.C.'s Top Attorneys, and *Baltimore Magazine* listed Joshua in its list of Top Attorneys in Maryland. *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* ranked Brown, Goldstein & Levy Tier 1 Baltimore for White-Collar Criminal Defense and General Criminal Defense Practice in the 2018 "Best Law Firms" list.

We have successfully used our skills and experience to represent clients in both state and federal courts in matters ranging from DWI cases to complex campaign finance violations, defense of governmental officers accused of illegal conduct, Medicare and Medicaid fraud, bank fraud, money laundering, and first degree capital murder. We also frequently represent witnesses appearing before federal and state grand juries and administrative panels.

### Investigative Matters

Because our lawyers have extensive experience in dealing with federal and local prosecutors and because we understand prosecutorial perspectives, we can assess situations clearly and develop affirmative strategies, often creating an option of resolving matters quickly and quietly.

Our initial goal is to avoid the commencement of formal investigations or criminal charges. When that is not possible, we offer solutions on how to quickly and effectively respond to the challenges posed by governmental authorities.

### College Campus Disciplinary Actions/Title IX Proceedings

Our lawyers are experienced in representing college students in campus disciplinary actions, including defending Title IX proceedings for sexual harassment or misconduct. They are keenly aware of the risks involved when a student is accused of sexual misconduct. These proceedings can result in sanctions up to expulsion, and litigation can follow. Disciplinary sanctions can have far-reaching effects on a student's future, so it is imperative to have legal representation as early as possible to prepare the student to navigate the disciplinary process. We have successfully represented college students accused of serious sexual misconduct, and have repeatedly had students cleared of any wrongdoing and achieved settlements that struck all sanctions.

## Representative Cases

- Secured dismissal of charges against a health professional for alleged inappropriate activity with a client.
- Convinced a prosecutor to dismiss murder charges against a physician for the physician's lawful provision of abortion services.
- Convinced a prosecutor to divert a defendant from prosecution to avoid a criminal conviction and qualify for entrance into the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Represented an admitted narcotics abuser charged with felony theft in three jurisdictions while on probation and successfully developed a strategy to keep him on probation.
- Prevailed in an appeal challenging a lower court's ruling concerning a discovery issue that resulted in a wrongful conviction.
- Successfully defended a college student charged by his college with sexual misconduct; negotiated a settlement for another that struck all sanctions.
- Secured a dismissal of proposed charges against a target of a special prosecutor by the federal judicial panel overseeing the prosecutor's appointment on the basis that the charges were outside the scope of his appointment.
- Obtained an acquittal of the president of a major retail food chain accused of bribing a sitting Maryland state senator.
- Represented a former Montgomery County Councilman and now high-ranking official in the Obama Administration in a constitutional challenge concerning his eligibility for the office of Attorney General of Maryland.
- Represented the first person tried in a federal death penalty case in the Southern Division of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, resulting in a life sentence rather than a death sentence.
- Represented John Lee Malvo, one of the two accused D.C. snipers, against federal criminal charges in Maryland at the request of the Maryland federal bench
- Represented one of five men charged with arson of a residential subdivision in Southern Maryland, the most costly arson in Maryland history.
- Convinced a prosecutor to drop all charges against a physician falsely accused of assaulting his ex-girlfriend.
- Secured a dismissal of all charges against a physician accused of illegal distribution of drugs to a patient with whom he was having an affair, followed by the successful defense of his professional license.
- Obtained dismissal of charges against a waste hauler for an alleged environmental violation.
- Obtained the dismissal, on state constitutional and privilege grounds, of bribery charges filed by the Maryland State Prosecutor against a Baltimore City Councilperson. The dismissal was affirmed on appeal.
- Obtained a new trial, followed by an acquittal, for a young man wrongly convicted of armed robbery of a jewelry store based on an erroneous identification by the victim.
- Represented the former director of the Parks and Recreation Division of Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission against theft and misappropriation charges, obtaining an acquittal, dismissal of all charges, and reimbursement of attorneys' fees and expenses.
- Obtained an acquittal of charges and violations of Maryland's campaign fiduciary laws by a Baltimore County Councilman.
- Represented an admitted drug dealer who had found God and transformed his life for several years before being prosecuted for his prior crimes. Following a day-long hearing, the federal judge departed from guidelines providing for a sentence in excess of 20 years to impose a 14-month sentence.



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