

About Ephraim Savitt, Esq

- For over 25 years, represented hundreds of clients, whose cases range from significant white collar securities, business, insurance, Medicare and Medicaid fraud, and money laundering investigations and prosecutions to narcotics, organized crime and capital cases in the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, the District of New Jersey and the New York State courts.
- Trial counsel in over 100 trials since 1982, primarily federal criminal trials involving major criminal offense allegations, as well as state court serious felony trials.
- Offenses charged in those trials ranged the entire gamut of the federal criminal code, from racketeering, narcotics, homicide and violent crimes, to business, tax, securities and health care frauds, money laundering, Ponzi schemes, computer crimes and other white collar offenses, as well as New York State felony offenses.
- Prior experience as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York in the Criminal Division from January 1982 to October 1989 and as a litigation associate for Wall Street and Midtown law firms from September 1977 to December 1981.
- As federal prosecutor, prosecuted drug dealers, illegal firearms offenders, tax and business fraudsters and organized crime figures, including the first successful prosecution of high-ranking members of the most powerful organized crime family in New York at the time.
- Since leaving the U.S Attorney's Office in late 1989, represented hundreds of clients in private practice as criminal defense attorney, tried over 50 cases in federal and state courts, argued numerous criminal appeals and represented clients in civil litigation.
- Criminal trials have primarily been in the Eastern District of New York, as well as in the Southern District of New York and the New York State Supreme Courts in New York and Kings Counties.
- In the past 6 years alone, was the lead or sole defense counsel in 14 complex jury criminal trials, some for privately-retained clients and others in court assignments by federal judges, which included 2 full and unanticipated acquittals in federal court, several partial acquittals and reduced sentences for clients resulting from effective post-verdict advocacy and persuasive sentencing submissions.

- Trial counsel in federal and state courts in civil actions, either for plaintiffs or defendants, concerning, among other causes of action, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, defamation, assault and other contract-based and tort claims.
- Clientele encompasses a broad range of professionals, including physicians, attorneys, accountants, educators and engineers, politicians, former law enforcement and prison officials and owners of various businesses, banking officials, insurance brokers, health care providers and executives in securities brokerage houses, as well as those accused of racketeering, violent crimes, controlled substances violations, money laundering activities, and immigration, firearms and sex offenses.
- Specially appointed, based on extensive trial experience and recognized knowledge of the federal law, as lead trial counsel or learned counsel by federal judges in numerous capital and death-eligible cases to advocate to the U.S. Attorney General not to seek the death penalty for the defendant, and tried 4 lengthy capital cases, ranging in duration from 6 weeks to 5 months, to verdict.
- Litigated numerous federal cases that resulted in favorable plea dispositions in the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, the District of New Jersey, the Eastern District of Virginia, the New York State Supreme Courts in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens and the Nassau County Court.
- Represented clients in SEC investigations and before administrative bodies, and negotiated civil settlements for clients to avoid potential civil and criminal proceedings.
- Prepared and argued over 35 appeals, primarily in federal criminal cases in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as in the Third and Fourth Circuits, New York State Appellate Divisions, First and Second Departments, with an appeal pending argument before the New York State Court of Appeals.
- Adjunct Associate Professor of Law in Fordham University Law School teaching Trial Advocacy courses to second and third-year law students from 1990 to 2004.
- Participated as a judge and evaluator in dozens of trial moot court programs for over 20 years, sponsored by Yale, NYU, Cardozo and Pace law schools, and at the Eastern District of New York.