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LEGAL AWARDS  
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### Litigation Departments of The Year WHITE COLLAR WINNER: Covington & Burling

- Describe your firm's approach to litigation and your strategy for building successful teams for trials or other matters.

Regulators know that Covington lawyers are honest brokers with the facts of a case and also forceful, tenacious, and creative advocates. We achieve extraordinary outcomes by bringing our experience and resources to bear for clients across the globe.

- Discuss the two biggest litigation cases your firm worked on in 2022 and how you reached successful outcomes.

We had another year of precedent-setting courtroom victories, groundbreaking DOJ and SEC declinations, and headline-grabbing investigations. Matters for Stanley Black & Decker and Executive Health Resources are perfect examples. We guided Stanley to a very rare publicly announced declination of charges by the SEC in a matter in which a former executive was charged with violations related to executive perquisites. This declination was the first of its kind during President Biden's Administration. We also represented Executive Health in an 8-1 victory at the U.S. Supreme Court in a closely watched case.

- What are the most challenging and satisfying aspects of your work in litigation?

White collar defense and criminal litigation involve some of the highest stakes that clients can face in the law. That



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presents immense challenges but also leads to great satisfaction when we secure favorable outcomes for our clients.

- What is the most important piece of advice you'd share with young lawyers?

Dig in. Think critically. Be creative. Embrace risk responsibly. Develop your own voice as a counselor, advocate, and strategist. And, above all else, do what you love in the law. ■