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Michael Murtagh is an associate in the Firm's Litigation Group. Mr. Murtagh has worked on a broad range of complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts, including claims under securities, antitrust and environmental laws, RICO claims and contractual disputes, and has also represented companies facing investigations by the Department of Justice, Securities Exchange Commission, and other federal and state regulators.

Mr. Murtagh has also consistently maintained an active pro bono practice, focusing primarily on litigation to protect the legal rights of individuals with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities. Since 2012, he has been a part of the S&C team working alongside public interest organizations in *Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder*, where the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California entered a permanent injunction requiring the government to provide counsel to detained individuals suffering from serious mental illnesses in California, Arizona and Washington State, and appointed a monitor to oversee the government's compliance with the injunction. In 2017, Mr. Murtagh received Sullivan & Cromwell's Michael A. Cooper Award for Outstanding Public Service, and in 2014, he received the ACLU's "Equal Justice Advocacy Award" for his work on the *Franco* matter. Mr. Murtagh is also presently litigating a case against the California state government, challenging the constitutionality of the state's delays in admitting to hospitals individuals with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities after they are found incompetent to stand trial.

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#### PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

**Litigation**

**Criminal Defense & Investigations**

**Securities**

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#### EDUCATION

**2010, UC Hastings College of the Law, J.D.**

**2007, Central European University, LL.M.**

**2006, UC Santa Barbara, B.A.**

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#### BAR ADMISSIONS

**New York**

**California**

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#### CLERKSHIPS

**The Honorable Thomas P. Griesa, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 2011-2012**