

Cozen O'Connor Acquires Prominent White Collar Defense Firm

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Martyn served as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Northern District of Ohio from 1989 through 2000. As an AUSA, Martyn handled a wide variety of matters in the areas of civil and criminal fraud, bankruptcy, and health care law. His work earned him a Department of Justice appointment to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) where he eventually served as Principal Deputy Director – the second-highest position in that organization. The EOUSA facilitates coordination between the Offices of the United States Attorneys and other organizational units of the Department of Justice. During his years with the government, Martyn was the recipient of numerous awards, including the "Director's Award," the highest award bestowed by the EOUSA.

Martyn opened his own firm in 2002, concentrating on representing corporations and senior-level corporate officials in both civil and criminal fraud matters. He has extensive experience handling False Claims Act matters for a broad range of clients in the healthcare, defense contract and financial services industries. Some of his recent successes include defending a large publicly traded health care provider against alleged violations of the False Claims Act, defending a large health care chain in a matter brought by a State Attorney General's Office for deceptive trade practices and representing senior level executives of oil and gas processing and trading companies under investigation for allegations of criminal wrongdoing.

Martyn will join the firm as a member in the White Collar and Complex Criminal Defense practice. This growing practice also saw the December, 2007 addition of renowned lawyer Bernie S. Grimm to its Washington, D.C. office.

"Cozen O'Connor is an extraordinary law firm that offers the full-service platform and national presence I increasingly needed as my business opportunities outgrew my structural capabilities," said Martyn. "There is also an exciting synergy between my practice and a number of the firm's practice groups, particularly in the area of healthcare, which continues to experience heightened scrutiny from the federal government. I look forward to collaborating closely with Cozen O'Connor's team of seasoned regulatory experts in the healthcare practice."

"We are pleased to welcome Iden and his team," said Cozen O'Connor CEO Tad Decker. "Iden has an outstanding reputation in a highly specialized practice area that is poised for explosive growth. His expertise in False Claims Act investigations in the healthcare industry will mesh quite well with our own strength in the healthcare regulatory and litigation fields. We look forward to benefiting from his experiences both in private practice and as a former federal prosecutor."

Martyn will join the firm April 1st and practice out of the Washington D.C. office. He will be joined by Jennifer Unhoch, Amy Papsun and Ashley Dellinger. Colleagues Steve Ahn, Claire Lakin-Koel and Chase Danford will join the firm's Houston office.

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