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## **McNees Announces Formation of White Collar Defense & Internal Investigations Practice Group**



**Karl H. Schneider**

HARRISBURG – McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC announced the formation and launch of its White Collar Defense & Internal Investigations Practice Group. The group will be chaired by McNees Member Karl H. Schneider, of the firm's Columbus, Ohio office.

“An intimate understanding of white collar defense is critical to representing our growing number of clients,” David M. Kleppinger, Chairman of McNees, said. “Our White Collar Defense & Internal Investigations group integrates our extensive industry knowledge and experience across multiple practice areas, and positions us to further provide effective and efficient legal services to the clients and businesses we serve.”

McNees has a long history and extensive experience litigating both federal and state criminal cases and its attorneys' extensive backgrounds serve as a powerful opportunity to negotiate resolutions for clients. Because clients often face legal challenges on multiple fronts -- criminal, regulatory/administrative, and civil (sometimes simultaneously) -- having the ability to deal with licensing boards and other regulatory/administrative bodies in parallel investigations and the civil complainant, is an added benefit.

McNees attorneys possess extensive trial practice experience that includes significant criminal and professional liability cases. When a single matter evolves into multiple actions (criminal, civil and regulatory), McNees White Collar & Investigations attorneys have the skills, resources and experience to handle the full range of challenges, including, Automotive Dealership Law, Environmental, Federal and State Tax, Food and Beverage, Healthcare, International Law, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Professional Licensing, Public Finance/Public Sector, Securities and Financial Services, and Transportation & Logistics.

“McNees attorneys are equipped to face any legal matter head on with our full spectrum of services specifically tailored to the needs of the industry in concert with our clients' needs and goals,” Schneider said.

Schneider has extensive white collar defense experience, consisting of criminal and parallel proceedings that require his appearance in Federal and State courts and before various regulatory agencies, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, Ohio Division of Securities, Ohio Department of Insurance, Disciplinary Counsel, the Ohio Elections Commission, Ohio Ethics Commission and the Ohio Inspector General, Federal Trade Commission and the Internal Revenue Service.



Schneider was appointed Receiver by the United States District Court in a case involving alleged defalcation by a title insurance agent. He has served as Receiver and as counsel to Receivers. He has also represented political parties, political action committees and candidates in matters before the Ohio Elections Commission, and was appointed as special hearing officer on two different occasions by the Ohio Secretary of State to preside over statewide ballot protest proceedings and has represented public officials and private entities in matters involving the Ohio Ethics Commission. He was appointed Special Prosecutor involving allegations of bribery and obstruction of justice of a lawyer.

Schneider was appointed by the Ohio Supreme Court in July 1987 to serve as a Commissioner of the Ohio Court of Claims, Victims Reparations Section, and served in that capacity until December 31, 2004. He was admitted before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1990, the United States District Courts for the Southern District of Ohio in 1983 and the Northern District of Ohio in 1995.

He is a member of the American Bar Association and its White Collar Institute and Litigation sections, and a member of the Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations. Schneider has also been established as a Life Member of the United States Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, and was appointed by Governor Strickland to serve on the Sunset Review Commission, and appointed by Governor Kasich to the Ohio Board of Building Appeals.

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