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OVERVIEW

Steve Schleicher is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer who concentrates his work on criminal defense, government and internal investigations, and high stakes civil litigation. He also serves as co-chair of Maslon's Government & Internal Investigations Group.

Steve has 24 years' experience as a trial lawyer, having spent his career as a prosecuting attorney before joining Maslon. A former federal prosecutor, he worked for 13 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office, serving as the Deputy Criminal Chief of the Special Prosecution Section (2014-2016) and as the St. Paul Branch Chief. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Steve worked at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and Winona County Attorney's Office. Steve also has experience in military courts, having served as a JAG Corps Officer in the United States Army Reserve.

Throughout his career, Steve has prosecuted a diverse variety of criminal cases, including homicide, criminal sexual conduct, armed robbery, assault, and other violent crime; complex narcotics conspiracies; racketeering; organized crime; fraud; money laundering, and civil rights violations. He has also had numerous jury trials and has conducted hundreds of investigations. In 2016, he served as a prosecutor on the Jacob Wetterling case and was recognized as an "Attorney of the Year" by *Minnesota Lawyer* for his dedicated work. Steve is often interviewed by the media for insight and commentary relating to high profile litigation matters. Most recently, he served as a commentator for the Mohamed Noor trial.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Government & Internal Investigations

- A former federal prosecutor, Steve has conducted hundreds of investigations on behalf of the United States, including complex fraud matters, money laundering, organized crime, and violent crime.
- Investigated a security company holding a multimillion-dollar contract at a major NFL venue on behalf of a worldwide venue management company.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Appeals
- Business Litigation
- Government & Internal Investigations
- Tort & Product Liability

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota, 1995

U.S. District Court, 1999

- Minnesota

EDUCATION

William Mitchell College of Law
J.D., *cum laude*, 1995

University of Minnesota, Duluth
B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1992
Criminology and Political Science

- Investigated data security breach and complex intellectual property theft conspiracy on behalf of a major automobile manufacturer.
- Represents health care providers and pharmacies in investigations conducted by Drug Enforcement Administration and other state and federal agencies.

Criminal Defense

- Represents clients accused of crimes in federal and state court, including complex financial crimes, fraud, narcotics violations, and all serious felony matters.
- Criminal Constitutional law expertise; obtained complete dismissal of “dark web” narcotics distribution charges on Fourth Amendment grounds.
- Respected criminal trial attorney with experience handling sensitive, high-profile criminal cases, including homicide, organized crime, and official misconduct.
- Experienced appellate advocate; successful practice before the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, Minnesota Supreme Court, and Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Business Litigation

- Served as liaison defense counsel for leading corn seed developer in Minnesota state court consolidated action involving over 65,000 individual U.S. corn growers and various entities that purchased, stored, transported, and exported corn grown in the U.S., along with a class of Minnesota corn growers alleging tort and consumer fraud claims against client.

Tort & Product Liability Litigation

- Represented leading medical device manufacturer in nationwide lawsuits involving both implanted and external medical devices in multiple state and federal courts across the country.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

SELECTED HONORS

- **Presidents Award**, Minnesota State Association of Narcotics Investigators, 2017
- **Julius E. Gernes Prosecutor Award**, Minnesota State Bar Association Public Law Section, 2017
- **Attorney of the Year**, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2016
- **Arson Prosecutor of the Year**, International Association of Arson Investigators, Minnesota Chapter, 2004

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Telling the Corporate Story: Advantages and Potential Pitfalls of Good Conduct Evidence," Products Liability SuperCourse, ACC Minnesota and The Network of Trial Law Firms, 2018
- "Incident Management: From Initial Complaint to Litigation," 7th Annual ACC Minnesota In-House Counsel Conference, 2018
- "Surviving the Waves: Implied, Express, and Subject Matter Waivers of Attorney-Client Privilege," 2017
- "State and Federal Investigations," University of Minnesota Law School, 2017