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Ben is the consummate trial attorney: A masterful storyteller who distills even the most complex set of facts and legal principles into highly persuasive written and oral advocacy. And he does it all in the singular service of his clients.

Overview

Benjamin Allee represents clients in criminal investigations and prosecutions and in civil litigation. He joined Yankwitt LLP after serving more than a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. At SDNY, he served as Deputy Chief of the White Plains Division, where he supervised more than 20 AUSAs, handling all federal criminal prosecutions in Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, and Sullivan counties.

As an AUSA, Ben handled some of the office's toughest and most important cases, including prosecutions of defendants for public corruption, fraud, cybercrime, money laundering, murder, racketeering, obstruction of justice, and other offenses. He tried 10 cases to verdict, supervised numerous additional trials and argued 12 appeals in the Second Circuit.

At Yankwitt LLP, Ben co-leads the [Criminal Defense & Investigations Practice](#), defending individuals and companies in high-profile criminal and regulatory matters, including investigations and prosecutions of claims of securities fraud, bank, mail, and wire fraud, corruption, civil rights offenses, homicide, and other charges. He advises and advocates for witnesses, subjects, and targets in investigations and zealously advocates for defendants in charged cases.

Ben draws on his extensive trial experience, assisting clients at all phases of the criminal process before federal, state, and local authorities. He also conducts internal investigations on behalf of his client companies to determine possible intentional or unintentional wrongdoing. Ben strives to end government investigations involving his clients efficiently and without charges, penalties, or publicity.

In addition to criminal and regulatory matters, Ben brings his trial acumen to complex civil litigation, representing clients in breach of contract cases, municipal disputes, employment matters, RICO actions and shareholder disputes, among others. He also co-heads the firm's [Appellate Practice](#) and has successfully argued numerous civil appeals in New York's state and federal appellate courts. He has appeared regularly before every federal judge in Westchester and maintains a reputation as a go-to attorney for all complex criminal and civil cases in the White Plains and other New York courthouses.

After law school, Ben clerked for District Judge Peter K. Leisure of the Southern District of New York and Circuit Judge Pierre N. Leval of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ben worked as an associate at the premier AmLaw 100 firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell, focusing on complex civil litigation.



Education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D.
 - Valedictorian
 - Fordham Law Review, Editor in Chief
- State University of New York, College of Geneseo, B.A.

Government Service

- Clerkship, Judge Peter K. Leisure, Southern District of New York
- Clerkship, Judge Pierre N. Leval, Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- Assistant United States Attorney, Criminal Division, Southern District of New York

Awards & Achievements

- Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation
- New York Metro Super Lawyers, Criminal Defense: White Collar
- Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney
- Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service
- Federal Law Enforcement Foundation's Prosecutor of the Year Award
- Department of Justice Office of Inspector General's Collaboration Award

Memberships & Affiliations

- Federal Bar Council

Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York