## **HUESTON HENNIGAN**



Michael Schneider Associate

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Education

Stanford Law School (J.D., 2019)

Brown University (A.B., 2013, Political Science) with Honors

Clerkships

Hon. Kimberly J. Mueller, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California Admissions

California

Michael Schneider practices complex commercial litigation, managing all aspects of a case for a wide variety of clients.

During law school, Mr. Schneider served as a research assistant to Professor Lucas Guttentag and as a law clerk in the United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco.

Prior to law school, Mr. Schneider worked for three years in the Obama administration, including as Special Assistant to the Director of the Presidential Personnel Office at the White House, the office which handles the vetting and selection of all political appointees in the federal government. He also served as Special Advisor to the Federal Railroad Administrator at the Department of Transportation.

## Experience

Obtained a complete dismissal of felony charges against a prominent attorney and **former principal of the Jacoby & Meyers law firm.** Following more than five years of investigation and pre-indictment litigation, the Orange County D.A.'s Office charged a Newport Beach attorney and entrepreneur in a 47-count felony indictment in relation to his former role as a partner and principal of the Jacoby & Meyers law firm. Just eight months later, in the midst of an extensive evidentiary hearing in a related proceeding also handled by Hueston Hennigan, and following our filing of motions to dismiss the indictment and to recuse the D.A.'s Office and prosecutor for misconduct,

we obtained a complete dismissal of all charges and termination of a related proceeding involving Jacoby & Meyers. (See "Criminal Charges Dropped Against Lawyer Accused of Jacoby & Meyers Referral, Insurance Scheme," *The Recorder*).

Obtained a favorable settlement, after a week of trial, for **Synchrony Financial (formerly GE Capital)** in a lawsuit involving breach of contract, fraudulent misrepresentation, and alter ego claims.

Representing a **global sales platform** in investigations by two state Attorneys General alleging violations of state business practices law.

Representing the **chief executive officer and founder** of a publicly-traded company in an investigation by the company's board of directors.

Representing the **beneficiary of a trust** intervening in a proceeding involving the replacement of the trust's corporate trustee.

Represented and prepared a government witness for trial in *United States v. Elizabeth Holmes*.

Represented a global accounting firm in a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation related to accounting irregularities.