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Practice Areas

- White Collar, Investigations, Securities Litigation & Compliance

Honors

- *Washington Super Lawyers* “Rising Stars” (White Collar Criminal Defense), 2017-2020
- Articles Editor, *Michigan Law Review*

Education

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 2013, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif
- B.A., History, Swarthmore College, 2010, High Honors

Clerkships/Externships

- Hon. Ronald M. Gould, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2014-2015
- Hon. Ronald M. Gould, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2014-2015, Hon. Alicemarie H. Stotler, United States District Court, Central District of California, 2013-2014

Memberships

- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists
- Local Rules Committee, Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington

Aaron Brecher is a member of Orrick's White Collar, Investigations, Securities Litigation, and Compliance Group. He's passionate about helping individuals and companies through some of their most difficult and sensitive challenges: investigations that could lead to government enforcement actions and resulting litigation.

Aaron has defended investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Washington Attorney General's Office, and other state and federal agencies. He has also represented defendants in civil and criminal litigation brought by the government and by relators. And he has conducted internal investigations on matters ranging from data breaches to harassment to suspected environmental testing fraud.

Aaron maintains an active pro bono practice that has included:

- Presenting a successful petition for clemency to the Washington Clemency and Pardons Board on behalf of a prisoner serving life without parole
- Representing an indigent criminal defendant charged with federal arms export offenses
- Briefing and arguing an appeal of the dismissal of a prisoner's civil rights claims before the Ninth Circuit, winning a partial reversal and a remand
- Serving as trial counsel in a federal bench trial on behalf of a prisoner pressing First Amendment claims

To keep up with the latest white collar developments, Aaron co-founded and regularly contributes to *Target Letter*, a blog focused on white collar crime and other government enforcement issues. He is also a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist through ACAMS.

Before joining Orrick, Aaron was an associate at Lane Powell PC in Seattle. He clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California before entering private practice.

Publications

- *Target Letter: Developments in Compliance and Enforcement*
- “Data Breach Response Teams: Best Practices for Preserving Privilege,” *Corporate Counsel*, June 2016
- “Thinking about Speaking and Doing in the Ninth Circuit: *United States v. Swisher*,” *ABA Section of Litigation, Civil Rights*

Litigation Subcommittee, February 2016

- “Noerr-Pennington Immunity and the Alien Tort Statute,” *New York University Law Review Online*, December 2015
- “State (Un)Separated Powers and Commandeering,” *Fordham Law Review Res Gestae*, April 2015
- “Some Kind of Judge: Henry Friendly and the Law of Federal Courts,” *Michigan Law Review*, April 2014
- “Cyberattacks and the Covert Action Statute: Toward a Domestic Legal Framework for Offensive Cyberoperations,” *Michigan Law Review*, December 2012

Admissions

- Washington
- California

Court Admissions

- **United States District Courts** | Western District of Washington
- **United States District Courts** | Central District of California
- **United States District Courts** | Northern District of California
- **United States District Courts** | Southern District of California
- **United States Courts of Appeals** | Ninth Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States