

1901 Society Spotlight

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Michael Asaro, Esq. '98



Michael Asaro '98 is a Partner at [Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP](#). His practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) investigations, corporate internal investigations, and complex commercial litigation.

Mr. Asaro began his legal career in the SEC's New York office, where he later served as a branch chief, supervising staff attorneys working on a wide variety of regulatory investigations and enforcement actions. After four years with the SEC, Mr. Asaro worked as assistant U.S. Attorney from the Eastern District of New York where he served as a deputy chief of the Business and Securities Fraud Section.

Accomplishments:

Mr. Asaro has received numerous accolades and has been recognized within the industry for his expertise and experience. For instance:

- Recognized as a leading lawyer by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business in the areas of white-collar crime and government investigations, 2013-2018
- Recognized in New York Super Lawyers, 2011 and 2012
- Profiled by significant industry publications, including Securities Law 360 and BNA's Securities Regulation & Law Report.

What are your favorite memories from Law School?

"My fondest memories of Brooklyn Law School are the personal and professional friendships I forged there, many of which still exist today. My externships with the U.S. Attorney's Office and with a Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York sparked my interest in public service and pointed me in the direction of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, where I went to work after graduation. All of this planted the seeds for any success that I am lucky enough to have today."

Why do you support Brooklyn Law School?

"Brooklyn Law School provided me with an opportunity to excel and to learn how to love the law. The school provided me with invaluable support, both in terms of the opportunities it gave me and financial support it provided when I needed it. I am proud to give back to Brooklyn Law School so that it can do the same for the next generation of young lawyers that go through its halls."

Thank you for your support, Michael!

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