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Mr. Plotkin has significant experience representing clients in federal criminal matters. He has tried several cases in the Northern District of Illinois and represented clients at all stages of the federal criminal process, including pretrial investigation, trial, sentencing, and on appeal in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Plotkin also represents a wide variety of clients in commercial disputes in both state and federal court. He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in litigation involving contract disputes, corporate and partnership disputes, fraud, unfair business practices, employment matters, and RICO allegations, and he has represented a number of lawyers and law firms in legal malpractice actions.

## **Education**

- B.A., Brown University, 1996.
- J.D., Yale Law School, 2002.

## **Experience**

- Served as law clerk to the Hon. Shirley S. Abrahamson, Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, 2002-2003.
- Practiced as a Staff Attorney with the Federal Defender Program in the

Northern District of Illinois, 2003-2008.

- Practiced as an associate with this firm since 2008.
- Served as Lecturer in Law, Prosecution and Defense Clinic, at the University of Chicago Law School, since spring 2012.

### **Selected Engagements**

- Defended family-owned business in a four-week multi-defendant civil RICO conspiracy case tried before a jury in federal court.
- Represented plaintiff in state court lawsuit charging violations of the Whistleblower Provisions of the State Officials and Employee Ethics Act.
- Defended pharmacy benefits management company against breach of contract claim in arbitration proceedings in California.
- Successfully defended an individual in federal court against an extradition request by the Lithuanian government based upon embezzlement allegations.
- Represented individuals in federal criminal jury trials on charges of mail and wire fraud, firearm possession, and identity theft.

### **Selected Presentations and Publications**

- “The Trouble with Federal Sex Offender Reporting Requirements,” published in the IACDL Quarterly Journal, Winter 2010.
- “The Adam Walsh Act from A to Z,” presented with Nancy Joseph of the Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin at the 2007 Criminal Justice Act Seminar in Rockford, Illinois.
- “Sentencing After *United States v. Booker*: Due Process/Ex Post Facto Litigation,” at the Chicago Federal Defender Program *Booker* Seminar in February, 2005, and at the 2005 Criminal Justice Act Seminar in Rockford, Illinois.

### **Memberships**

- Youth Rights Media, Board Member and Founder.
- ReBuilding Exchange, Board Member.
- Chicago Bar Association.
- Chicago Council of Lawyers.
- Seventh Circuit e-Discovery Pilot Program, Committee Member (Criminal Practice Sub-Committee).
- Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.
- Admitted to practice in Illinois and Wisconsin, the Northern District of Illinois, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.