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Martin S. Bell is a Partner in Simpson Thacher's Litigation Department, a member of the Firm's Government and Internal Investigations Practice and the leader of Simpson Thacher's Equity and Civil Rights Reviews team. A former Assistant U.S. Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Martin represents companies, boards and executives in government and internal investigations and high-profile disputes. Recognized by *Chambers USA* as a leader in the White Collar and Government Investigations field and by *Lawdragon* as among the "500 Leading Litigators in America," Martin has also represented clients in connection with anti-discrimination and congressional inquiries. A

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seasoned trial lawyer, Martin has been appointed to the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the Southern District of New York, where he represents indigent criminal defendants charged with federal criminal offenses. He has also been appointed to the Attorney Grievance Committee of the First Judicial Department, which investigates complaints filed against lawyers in Manhattan and the Bronx.

As a federal prosecutor, Martin served as a senior member of the Securities and Commodities Task Force and the Public Corruption Unit in the SDNY, and previously served as a member of the Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Unit. He served as lead counsel on behalf of the United States in fourteen jury trials and argued before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on nine occasions. While at the SDNY, Martin investigated and prosecuted a variety of financial and corruption-related crimes, including securities, accounting, and other financial fraud, bribery, obstruction of justice, money laundering, sanctions violations, and various offenses giving rise to civil and criminal asset forfeiture. In addition, he worked on cases involving criminal civil rights violations. Martin was honored with several awards for his service, including the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Prosecutor of the Year Award in 2018 and the Assistant Attorney General's Exceptional Service Award in 2016. Martin was also recently named a "Rising Star" by the *New York Law Journal* and profiled among *City & State New York's* "The 2024 Power of Diversity: Black 100" list and *Crain's New York Business's* "Notable Black Leaders."

Prior to joining the SDNY, Martin practiced at another

international law firm and was a law clerk to the Hon. Eric N. Vitaliano of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.