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Profile

Vince is Of-Counsel to the Firm and heads the Firm's Chicago office. He is a lawyer of eminence with more than 36 years of professional experience as an in-house counsel for multiple Fortune Global 500 corporations.

Most recently he served for more than 10 years as Vice President and General Counsel-International for W.W. Grainger Inc. In this role, Vince acted as the chief legal officer for Grainger's worldwide multi-channel businesses outside the U.S. and Canada. In addition, Vince advised the company on fraud, internal investigations, trade compliance, cybersecurity, privacy and anti-bribery and corruption matters. He also represented Grainger in mergers and acquisitions and other complex commercial transactions.

Vince is a Certified Fraud Examiner and an Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. He also previously served as Grainger's Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer.

Vince is an Adjunct Professor in the Loyola University (Chicago) Law School's Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management Master of Jurisprudence Program where he teaches a course in Cybersecurity Management. He is member of the Advisory Committee for the University of South Florida's Executive Cybersecurity Program.

Vince is on the Steering Committee of the American Bar Association's (ABA) South Asia, Oceania & India Committee and Vice Chair (Technology and Social Media) of the ABA's Middle East Committee. He is a former Co-Chair of the ABA's Customs Law Committee.

Prior to his association with Grainger, Vince was Vice President, International Law for Tenneco Inc. Before joining Tenneco in 1987, he served in the legal departments of Hughes Tool Company, the Coastal Corporation and Gulf Oil Company and as a Deputy Sheriff with the Pinellas County (Florida) Sheriff's Department.

Vince has extensive hands-on experience of managing wide ranging legal issues in the manufacturing, distribution and supply chain segment. He has also lived and worked internationally in Saudi Arabia, Germany, Belgium and England.

Expertise

Corporate/M&A

White Collar Crime

Dispute Resolution

Corporate Compliance & Advisory

Publications

International Implications of the 1982 Department of Justice Merger Guidelines, 13 Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law 797 (1983)

Education

- B.A in Criminology, cum laude, Florida State University, 1978
 - J.D, cum laude, University of Georgia School of Law, 1984
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Memberships

- Admitted in Illinois, Texas and Georgia
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