

83% Downward Variance in New York City Commercial Bribery Case

New York, New York (February 23, 2017): A federal court in New York City imposed a sentence on a client of the Weinhardt Law Firm that was an 83% downward variance from the sentence recommended by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Mark Weinhardt represented the president of a New Jersey computer staffing company charged with paying kickbacks to executives within a large New York-based medical management firm to maintain business for his staffing company. When he was charged, the president was in his native India on family business, and the pending arrest warrant prevented his travel elsewhere. Mark negotiated with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York for safe conduct for the Firm's client back to the United States and negotiated a plea agreement.

In a sentencing hearing for which Todd Lantz did substantial preparation work, Mark, working with counsel from New York's Hughes, Hubbard & Reed, persuaded the New York federal court to impose a sentence of just three months. This was a substantial downward variance from the low end of the guideline sentencing range, which was 18 months. Among other things, Mark argued that the Firm's client had been a classic immigrant success story in the United States, with an extensive record of charitable giving and helping other Indians advance their careers both in the United States and in India. He also argued that the kickback scheme had been initiated by the recipients of the payments and that the Firm's client was a reluctant participant who struggled to limit the improper payments while keeping his employees working.

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