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Perkins Coie's award-winning White Collar & Investigations practice has teamed up with the ABA's Global Anti-Corruption Committee to launch a podcast series as an extension of our White Collar Briefly blog.

The logo features a red background. On the left, there is a white icon of a coffee cup with three wavy lines above it representing steam. To the right of the icon, the text "WHITE COLLAR BRIEFLY" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this, "A Perkins Coie MiniPod" is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom left, there is a small white icon of a coffee cup. At the bottom center, the text "CO-SPONSORED BY: ABA Global Anti-Corruption Committee" is written in white. At the very bottom, the Perkins Coie logo is partially visible in white.

**WHITE COLLAR  
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Our first five episodes, linked below, feature fascinating, candid conversations with a variety of special guests, including:

- American "book of the year" author, editor, screenplay writer and publisher Dave Eggers
- Joel Esquenazi (defendant in the high-profile US v. Esquenazi FCPA case)
- Molson Coors' Global Ethics & Compliance Chief Caroline McMichen
- Chicago-based U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall
- University of Colorado COO (and former GC) Patrick O'Rourke
- Avanos Medical Deputy GC Ross Mansbach

Note that all episodes are available on [Spotify](#), [Google Podcast](#), and [Apple Podcast](#). Additionally, you can visit [our blog](#) and [subscribe](#) to receive each new podcast, including the highly-anticipated Dave Eggers podcast, in your inbox.

### **[A Conversation with Author Dave Eggers About Criminal Justice Reform](#)**

Dave Eggers and Perkins Coie's Firmwide White Collar & Investigations Chair (and former Chicago federal prosecutor) Markus Funk have a candid and probing conversation about today's calls for fundamental criminal justice reform. Dave and Markus cover a wide range of topics, including why we need to fundamentally rethink the state's treatment of suspects, defendants, and inmates; whether non-violent offenders like actress Lori Loughlin and Ponzi schemer Bernie Madoff ought to receive prison sentences; what it means to "defund" the police; the tragic George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Ariel Roman, and Ahmaud Arbery cases; how to improve law enforcement recruitment and training; whether it is time to reconsider arresting DUI, shoplifting, and other suspects in the absence of a threat to the public; the epidemic of criminalization and mass incarceration; the importance of empathy in law enforcement; qualified immunity; procedural justice and the need to ensure systemic legitimacy and creditworthiness; and the pros and cons of including imprisonment as part of an incremental punishment regime.

*[Listen to "A Conversation with Author Dave Eggers About Criminal Justice Reform" on Spreaker](#)*

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### **[A Candid Conversation With Joel Esquenazi \(Defendant in the Landmark US v. Esquenazi FCPA Case\)](#)**

This episode features a candid conversation with Joel Esquenazi. Joel, joined by Perkins Coie White Collar & Investigation lawyers Chelsea Curfman and Markus Funk, reflects on, among other things, his time as a defendant in the high-profile *U.S. v. Esquenazi* trial and follow-on appeal, the prosecution of his case, the attention his case has received, FCPA enforcement generally, and what it feels like to be out of prison and in home confinement. *[Listen to "A Candid Conversation with Joel Esquenazi \(Defendant in the Landmark US v. Esquenazi FCPA Case\)" on Spreaker.](#)*

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**[A Corporate Insider's Guide to Internal Investigations](#)** On this episode of White Collar Briefly, Perkins Coie's White Collar & Investigations attorneys Markus Funk and Chelsea Curfman interview special guest Caroline McMichen, global ethics and compliance chief for Molson Coors Beverage Company, about the hallmarks of a successful internal investigation. Topics include tips for outside counsel on how best to be an effective partner in internal investigations and predictions regarding how the current pandemic and related economic challenges may change the structure of internal investigations in the future. *[Listen to "A Corporate Insider's Guide to Internal Investigations" on Spreaker.](#)*

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**[Supply Chain & Trafficking Chat with a Federal Judge](#)** Judge Virginia Kendall and Perkins Coie White Collar & Investigations chair (and former AUSA colleague) Markus Funk's conversation covers a wide range of topics. In addition to discussing Judge Kendall's journey from being a federal prosecutor to getting involved in the challenging field of fighting human trafficking, indentured servitude, child labor, and other forms of forced labor that taint the supply chains for goods and services we use every day, Judge Kendall also shares her perspective on common public misconceptions when it comes to the day-to-day realities of this particularly pernicious form of human exploitation. Their candid conversation ends with Judge Kendall providing in-the-trenches advocacy and litigation tips to more junior attorneys making their first foray into a courtroom. [Listen to "Supply Chain & Trafficking Chat with a Federal Judge" on Spreaker.](#)

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**[U of Colorado Chief Operating Officer Patrick O'Rourke Discusses All Things Higher Ed](#)** The University of Colorado's Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, Patrick O'Rourke talks to White Collar partners Gina LaMonica and Markus Funk about his path from private practitioner to the GC and then COO of one of the Nation's premier educational institutions, the reality of higher ed in the age of covid, his most memorable matters (including the "Aurora Theater Shooter" James Holmes investigation and the trial involving infamous former Colorado professor Ward Churchill), what a GC looks for in outside counsel, and tips for attorneys seeking to succeed in a higher-ed in-house position. [Listen to "U of Colorado Chief Operating Officer Patrick O'Rourke Discusses All Things Higher Ed" on Spreaker.](#)

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**[The New Normal – A Discussion With Ross Mansbach](#)** A conversation with Ross Mansbach, Deputy General Counsel at Avanos Medical, a publicly-traded medical device and technology company about the impacts of COVID-19, the transition to remote working, and what it all may mean for corporate legal departments and their relationships with outside counsel. White Collar partner Kevin Feldis and Ross discuss a variety of topics including how law firm updates on the evolving COVID legal issues have been a genuine help to busy in-house counsel, and the potential efficiencies and limits to our increasingly virtual way of working under "the new normal." [Listen to "The New Normal – A Discussion With Ross Mansbach" on Spreaker.](#)

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