

Walter H. White, Jr

Partner at McGuireWoods LLP London



Walter H. White, Jr is a partner in the London office of McGuireWoods where he is the head of the firm's emerging markets transactions practice. His work consists of multinational securities transactions, international business and finance law issues, and complex litigation and related arbitration. He has represented clients in multibillion-dollar business transactions and litigation throughout North America, Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa.

In the late 1980's he served as Commissioner of Securities for the State of Wisconsin. In that capacity he investigated and prosecuted Drexel Burnham Lambert and authored the Wisconsin "Delaware style" Corporate Takeover Law. He has acted as an advisor to central banks, and financial regulatory agencies in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia on market, economic

development and regulatory issues. Significant representations have included Salomon Brothers with regard to their US Treasury bond trading activities, as well as the longstanding representation of one of the world's largest private commodities brokerage firms and one of the world's largest aluminium firms on global trading and derivatives issues.

Walter was appointed to the board of the Central Asian American Enterprise Fund by President Clinton and served as its chair. He has served as a non-executive director on the board of the Church Mutual Insurance Company since 1992 where he serves on the Audit Committee. He currently serves on a Financial Markets Law Committee Steering Committee advising the G20 on "Implementing G20 Commitments Consistently". In the 1990's He served on the Deans Advisory Board on Finance and International Business at the University of Wisconsin, Graduate School of Business.

In the North American Securities Administrators Association Walter served as chair of the International Corporation Finance Committee; vice-chair of the Corporate Finance Section and on the SEC Task Force on the Canadian Multijurisdictional Disclosure System.

In the American Bar Association he has served on the Board of Governors, chaired the Center on Human Rights, the Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities and the Young Lawyers Division. He has published books and articles on multinational business activity and lectured in North America, Europe, Central Asia and Africa.

Walter was previously a partner at Bryan Cave in London preceded by his role as partner and Managing Director of Steptoe & Johnson International based in Moscow. Prior to moving overseas in 1994 Walter was a partner at Quarles & Brady and he began his career as an associate at Michael Best & Friedrich. While earning his law degree from Berkeley Law, Walter was a judicial extern for the Honourable Robert F. Peckham of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Upon graduation from Amherst College, he was named a John Woodruff Simpson Fellow. He also studied at the Leningrad Pedagogical Institute, in (then) Leningrad USSR.

Walter is admitted to practice in Wisconsin, Washington D.C.; Qatar International Court; registered as a foreign lawyer in England and Wales; previously registered as a foreign lawyer in the Russian Federation.