

## **About Michael I. Behn**

Michael I. Behn is the founder of Behn & Wyetzner, Chartered and of counsel to Siprut PC in Chicago. He has represented whistleblowers and handled complex fraud cases for over 30 years. Mike was honored as the first whistleblower “Lawyer of the Year” by Taxpayers Against Fraud, a national organization of whistleblowers and their counsel. His colleagues commended Mike’s “tenacity, management skills and dedication” in representing relators under the False Claims Act. He has also been repeatedly recognized as both a “Super Lawyer” and a “Leading Lawyer” in Illinois. In a profile of his practice, the Chicago Daily Law Reporter described Mike as “exceptionally able to prosecute highly complex financial frauds,” and quoted the Chief Judge as praising him for having “skills not common among litigators.”

Among his many successes, Mike represented a pharmacist in recovering over \$120 million in multi-state Medicaid fraud settlements of drug switching allegations against Walgreens, CVS, and Omnicare. He also represented the pharmacist in cases alleging that Johnson & Johnson paid kickbacks to influence drug selections in Omnicare’s nursing homes, which recovered over \$170 million. In another major case, Mike represented the relators in a 16-year battle involving the B-2 “Stealth” bomber and other military programs, which resulted in Northrop Grumman paying \$134 million. Before entering private practice, Mike served as a prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York (securities and futures fraud unit), as a trial attorney for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and as a Judicial Clerk in the U.S. District Court for Vermont. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Northeastern University School of Law (in Boston).