

A non-violent crime with serious consequences

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To steal money, you don't necessarily have to don a mask, carry a gun, and walk into a bank. White-collar crime involves stealing money, often via computer or through accounting means. If the Federal government becomes involved, as it often does in cyber matters, the stakes suddenly become much higher. The deadlines are different. So are the sentencing guidelines. Worse yet, the penalties are often much stiffer. So if you're charged with a federal offense, don't delay in calling an attorney experienced in navigating the federal courts.

Defining white-collar crime.

If you use fraud or deception to acquire funds or property, you've committed a white collar crime. Such acts may include:

- **Bankruptcy fraud** – This may include not declaring assets during a bankruptcy case or filing in multiple states
- **Computer crime** – Also known as cybercrime, this refers to any crime that involves a computer and a network.
- **Conspiracy** – Conspiracy is an agreement between two or more persons to break the law at some time in the future.
- **Counterfeiting** – Counterfeited funds include money not sanctioned by a government.
- **Credit card fraud** – Credit card fraud includes activities to obtain goods without paying or by obtaining unauthorized funds from an account.
- **Embezzlement** – Embezzlement is the act of dishonestly appropriating or secreting assets by one or more individuals to whom such assets have been entrusted.
- **Extortion** – Extortion is when a person unlawfully obtains either money, property, or services from a person(s), entity, or institution, through coercion.
- **Forgery** – Forgery consists of filling in blanks on a document containing a genuine signature, or materially altering or erasing an existing document for financial gain.
- **Internet fraud** – Internet fraud refers to the use of Internet services to present fraudulent solicitations to prospective victims, to conduct fraudulent transactions, or to transmit the proceeds of fraud to financial institutions or to others connected with the scheme.
- **Money laundering** – Money laundering is the practice of engaging in financial transactions to conceal the identity, source, and/or destination of illegally gained money.

About Elliott N. Kanter

30 years of experience on your side.

With 30 years as a successful San Diego criminal defense lawyer and personal injury attorney, I am motivated by a sincere desire to help people. I always take the time to get to understand every client's unique situation. The Law Offices of Elliott N. Kanter is not a corporate law firm, we're here to help people like you.

We're not afraid of going to court.

Believe it or not, most cases are negotiated long before they go to court. This saves a lot of time and as a result – saves you a lot of money. But we're here to fight for your best interests and if that means going to court, we're ready to do so. We prepare for every case as if we were going to trial. Our diligence pays off, because we get very good results, whether we go to court or not.

You want an experienced lawyer working for you.

It's nice to believe that the legal system is a fair, impartial system. But the truth of the matter is, having the right lawyer can make all the difference. In the courtroom there's only one person looking out for your best interests. It's not the judge, it's not the jury, it's your lawyer. So even if you don't choose my services, please take the time to find a qualified lawyer you trust. The Law Offices of Elliott N. Kanter earned an AV rating – the highest possible – with Martindale-Hubbell, so you can be assured of our commitment to do our best for you. Please don't hesitate to call the Law Offices of Elliott N. Kanter at 619-330-5881 for a no cost, no obligation consultation.

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