

## Strategic Risk and Crisis Management



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Crisis Management Experience

Our team of crisis management experts are skilled at navigating the fast-paced and global nature of today's media and legal environment and are adept at helping clients to navigate and defend bet-the-company crises and high-impact investigations and litigation.

#### An Interdisciplinary Team of Talented Veterans

Wilson Sonsini's strategic risk and crisis management group is comprised of partners and other experienced attorneys—including former prosecutors and federal and state regulatory enforcement leaders—across our highly regarded investigations, regulatory, and litigation teams who have expertise advising clients on issues that often arise in crisis situations.

#### Unique Challenges Facing Technology and Life Sciences Companies

Our position as the leading provider of legal services to technology and life sciences clients means our team is comfortable with the fast-paced environment of our clients. We understand the need for immediate action and the intricacies of our clients and their markets.

### OVERVIEW

Technology and life sciences companies face increasing internal pressures and external scrutiny. Many have endured disruptions to ongoing business, damage to corporate standing, and loss of shareholder value. Others have confronted global public relations crises that threatened to undermine business objectives.

#### We excel at providing strategic, responsive, and comprehensive representation

Wilson Sonsini's team consists of crisis management veterans who advise clients when they need to respond quickly, effectively, and comprehensively in the wake of unforeseen developments. They also help clients strategize and prepare for challenges that present substantial risk to their organizations. Additionally, our team helps clients develop preventative measures to reduce risk or eliminate potential exposure from controversies.

Whether we are mobilizing during the early stages of a developing situation or coordinating a multifaceted response and engaging in damage control after challenges have grown into formidable internal or public conflicts, our team is adept at devising comprehensive strategies that help clients manage and contain problems. We know time is of the essence—and that minutes matter.

In short, we are strategic and preventative when possible, and we are responsive and comprehensive in situations where control and containment are needed.

#### Our scope of experience includes:

- congressional investigations;
- U.S., EU, and other international government criminal, civil, and other regulatory agency investigations;
- corporate malfeasance allegations;
- cybersecurity and ransomware attacks and data breaches;

- allegations related to technology's role in disinformation campaigns;
- supply chain failures;
- regulatory compliance and disclosure shifts;
- executive misconduct allegations; and
- high-stakes contested matters and litigation.

## Our congressional investigation and enforcement/regulatory agency experience

Our team has proven abilities to handle congressional and other government agency investigations at every stage, including responding to informal inquiries and formal committee requests and subpoenas; managing discovery; and drafting testimony and preparing executives for high-profile, public hearings before Congress and other agencies.

Nearly every member of Wilson Sonsini's interdisciplinary crisis management group has direct experience in federal governmental enforcement and regulatory agencies. The team includes senior practitioners who have held senior roles in U.S. Attorneys' offices, the SEC, the DOJ, the FTC, state attorneys general, and other prosecutorial or regulatory enforcement posts, as well as former senior officials at major regulatory and judiciary bodies in the areas of governance, securities laws, stock exchange rules, compliance, and corporate best practices.

## Our in-depth understanding of technology and life sciences companies

Wilson Sonsini has valuable expertise through our position as the leading provider of legal services to technology and life sciences clients, which was earned by representing disruptive, market-creating companies—from semiconductor, computer, and software innovators to today's life sciences, internet, and social media leaders. That translates to us having a unique platform that is comfortable with the fast-paced environment of our clients. So, not only do we understand the need for immediate action, we understand the intricacies of our clients and their market sensitivities when faced with controversies.

## Our cross-disciplinary team's highly relevant experience

Wilson Sonsini's team is comprised of partners and other experienced practitioners whose practices are focused on the range of issues that often arise in conjunction with fast-paced, high-stakes crises. Included are veteran attorneys from our various advisory, regulatory, and litigation practices, including:

- Antitrust
- Board and internal investigations
- Class action litigation
- Corporate governance and related litigation
- Federal Trade Commission and consumer products
- Government investigations
- National security (export-trade and FCPA)
- Privacy, cybersecurity, and data protection
- Shareholder activism
- Trial
- White collar criminal defense