



## Christopher Peele, Partner

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Christopher Peele is a partner in The Ashcroft Law Firm's Austin office. He focuses his practice on white collar defense and internal investigations. Mr. Peele's extensive experience handling both civil and criminal matters is of great value to Firm clients, particularly given his perspective both as a former prosecutor and private sector defense counsel. Before joining The Ashcroft Law Firm, Mr. Peele served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas. From 2008 to 2013, Mr. Peele prosecuted hundreds of criminal cases, routinely appearing in federal court and trying criminal cases to verdict. His primary focus was on white collar crimes such as health care fraud, Ponzi schemes, tax evasion, thefts of government property, bribes and kickbacks, embezzlement, and identity theft.

In 2010 and 2011, Mr. Peele was selected by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) for a detail in Washington, D.C. While there, Mr. Peele served as a Special Trial Attorney in the Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as an Assistant General Counsel to SIGIR. Mr. Peele worked to eliminate fraud and abuse in the United States' reconstruction effort in Iraq by focusing prosecutorial efforts on criminal cases arising out Iraq. He prosecuted individuals and corporations in federal districts across the United States for federal crimes such as bribes and kickbacks, production of defective war materials, theft of government property, and conflicts of interest.

Mr. Peele began his professional career in 1999 at Vinson & Elkins, LLP in Austin, Texas where he participated in complex civil litigation in both federal and state courts.

Mr. Peele holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin and is licensed to practice law in all federal and state courts in Texas, as well as the Fifth Circuit.