

# Brian Kelly, Assistant U.S. Attorney who prosecuted mobster James “Whitey” Bulger, joins Nixon Peabody

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**Boston, MA.** Yet another leading prosecutor has chosen Nixon Peabody, as Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of Public Corruption and Special Prosecutions **Brian T. Kelly** joins the firm. Mr. Kelly will be a partner in **Nixon Peabody’s Government Investigations & White Collar Defense** practice effective January 2014.

A tenacious trial lawyer, Mr. Kelly has served as lead counsel in more than 30 trials in federal court, most notably as counsel in the prosecution of fugitive mobster James “Whitey” Bulger. In another high-profile case, Mr. Kelly spent several years investigating financial fraud arising from Boston’s \$14.5B Big Dig project, recovering more than \$500M in False Claims Act and other payments for the United States. He personally has handled dozens of investigations and prosecutions ranging from organized crime RICO cases to financial fraud/corruption and health care matters. Mr. Kelly has successfully briefed and argued more than 20 cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Ninth circuits.

“Brian has the depth of experience few lawyers in the white-collar defense bar can match given his role in some of the highest profile public corruption and racketeering cases brought by the U.S. Attorney’s Office,” said **Andrew I. Glincher**, CEO and managing partner of Nixon Peabody. “He exemplifies the differentiating insight, credentials and value Nixon Peabody delivers to clients.”

“Brian is highly respected among his colleagues, the federal judges, and in the defense bar,” added **David Vicinanza**, leader of Nixon Peabody’s Government Investigations & White Collar



Defense practice. "He is the consummate working trial attorney whose sound judgment comes from decades of experience."

Mr. Kelly will focus on representing clients in government investigations, regulatory compliance, white-collar criminal defense and health care fraud. Based in the firm's Boston office, he is the latest senior government official to join Nixon Peabody in Massachusetts. Former U.S. Senator Scott Brown and former Middlesex County, Massachusetts District Attorney Gerry Leone came to the firm earlier this year.

Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston, Mr. Kelly worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in San Diego. In 2004, the United States Attorney General presented Mr. Kelly with the Exceptional Service Award, the Department of Justice's highest honor. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and earned his B.A. from Dartmouth College, where he graduated *magna cum laude*.