

Joost J. van Rossum

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With years of training and practical experience in the United States and Europe, Joost van Rossum brings an international perspective to complex commercial litigation and white collar criminal matters, particularly those involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), False Claims Act (FCA), and other financial fraud allegations.

Clients trust Joost to undertake deep research into the legal and technical aspects of their issues as well as investigate underlying facts and issues, establishing a clear and compelling narrative that shapes their case from the outset. Joost's work includes managing the discovery process and synthesizing data, drafting dispositive motions and briefs, and preparing witnesses for depositions and trial. Whether responding to an initial government inquiry, helping manage a business dispute, or, when necessary, representing a client at trial, Joost is a team member valued by clients and colleagues alike for the responsiveness and quick work he brings to even the most daunting tasks.



EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

District Court of Amsterdam & District Court of North Holland (2014-2016)

Representative Engagements – White Collar Defense, Investigations & Compliance

- Protect interest of executive during government investigation into health insurer's potential violation of the False Claims Act.
- Represent attorney-witness in U.S. Attorney's Office prosecution of alleged conspiracy to commit \$1 billion fraud and conspiracy fraud scheme.
- Represent a construction transportation company in a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into bribery of municipal officials and representations concerning underrepresented business enterprise involvement in public and private projects.

Representative Engagements - Civil Litigation

- Present common carrier in compliance proceedings before the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.
- Obtained writ of possession in property dispute case.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of wrongful termination claims brought against Fortune 500 pharmaceutical company.

Representative Engagements – Wrongful Convictions & Pro Bono Service

- Represent several individuals convicted of serious crimes in Cook County in appeals of wrongfully denied successive post-conviction petitions presenting new exculpatory evidence.
- Advocate for new trial in Michigan state court proceeding for wrongfully convicted individual.
- Filed federal habeas corpus petition seeking new trial and release of health care professional sentenced to life in prison without due process protections.

CREDENTIALS

Education

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, J.D., 2020, Center on Wrongful Convictions
The University of Chicago Law School, LL.M., 2017
VU University Amsterdam & University of Amsterdam, LL.M., Corporate Law, 2016, *cum laude*
President of the Criminal Law Legal Association “Criminal Intent”
VU University Amsterdam, LL.B., 2015, BSc. International Business Administration, *LL.B Honors*

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Honors & Awards

2026 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Corporate Law and Criminal Defense: White-Collar),
Best Lawyers®

Professional Memberships

Chicago Bar Association
Illinois State Bar Association

Languages Spoken & Fluency

Dutch
German, Reading Proficient