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With over two decades of law enforcement experience, including 12 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Jerome C. Pontrelli serves as Labaton Sucharow's Director of Investigations. Managing a staff of seasoned investigators, forensic accountants and financial analysts, Jay oversees all aspects of investigations to facilitate the Firm's efforts to identify, develop, document and prosecute sophisticated cases. He was also a founding member of the Firm's SEC Whistleblower Representation Practice.

Throughout his impressive career, Jay has developed extensive experience in investigating white-collar crime and securities-related matters. Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, he was a senior investigator at a prominent securities litigation law firm where he worked on complex financial cases related to the subprime industry and auction rate securities, as well as ERISA and consumer protection litigation. He also acted as lead investigator on the Madoff investigation team that provided valuable evidence to the U.S. Attorney's office in connection with its prosecution.

Jay began his career with the FBI under Covert Special Operations as a Team Leader on the TWA Flight 800 crash investigation. He also worked on the Oklahoma City Bombing trial security detail. He later transferred to the White Collar Crime Health Care Fraud Unit where he spearheaded several multimillion dollar fraud cases, including many qui tam actions. Jay was later assigned as a special agent to the NYC Joint Terrorism Task Force Operations Center, targeting terrorist sleeper cells within New York City and throughout the country.

Over the years, in the FBI and in private practice, Jay has conducted over 300 interrogations and led over 100 investigations into possible securities violations. Jay has an extensive network of high-level relationships throughout the state and federal law enforcement communities.

A decorated public servant, Jay was awarded the U.S. Customs Service Directors Commendation in 1999, New York City FBI Special Agent of the Month for September 2000, and FBI Director's Commendation in 2001.

Jay graduated from the FBI Academy in 1996. He received an M.A. in Education from Seton Hall University in 1993, and a B.S. in Criminal Justice from St. Thomas Aquinas College in 1990.

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