

New York

White-collar crime, commercial and securities shop Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello is another boutique that boasts brand-name-level status among peers, many of them at much larger and more diverse firms. One peer notes, “They are clearly involved in matters that we’re in, and I would keep them in Tier 1 [for white-collar criminal defense]. The difference between Morvillo and some other firms is that the Morvillo guys are very involved in actual criminal work.” Client feedback on the firm is resounding and plentiful; one such client in particular cheers, “I especially respect their attitude towards billing. They are clear, forgiving and patient. They believed in my argument to begin with and stood by me without the certainty that I could afford their brilliant counsel. Integrity and talent to defend on principle: sadly, a novel concept these days, but not with this firm.”

Arguably the most celebrated name on the firm’s current roster is **Elkan Abramowitz**, who “commands name-level recognition.” A client enthuses, “Elkan is simply superb—very bright, experienced and [with a] terrific manner.” Abramowitz is representing Steven Davis, the embattled former chairman of now-defunct law firm Dewey & LeBoeuf, in connection with a probe by New York prosecutors regarding allegations of possible wrongdoing at the firm and misrepresentations of the firm’s financial situation. Abramowitz, along with **Jeremy Temkin**, also represented BP executives in connection with litigation arising out of the Deepwater Horizon spill of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Clients have included a witness in a civil trial in the Eastern District of Louisiana assessing liability for, and damages resulting from, the spill. They have also represented several witnesses in DoJ and SEC investigations into alleged misrepresentations to Congress and the investing public regarding the quantity of oil spilled into the Gulf. Still another client raves, “I have been represented by Elkan Abramowitz and **Richard Albert**. Elkan has a long career and tremendous track record with a clear and deep understanding of the landscape, which has been tremendously comforting. Richard has been a very direct and pragmatic part of the preparation required to answer questions. His guidance through the process has been unwavering in terms of ethical direction while also very thoughtful around the subtleties between myself and my employer. The combination of Elkan’s experience and contacts across the industry together with Richard’s clear tactical direction has been tremendous.” **Robert Anello** is leading a representation of a compliance officer at a major, multinational financial institution in connection with an investigation by the US Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. The investigation relates to compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering obligations. Working with Anello on this matter is future star **Benjamin Fischer**, about whom a peer notes, “His relationships impressed me but in a subtle way. He is personal acquaintances and former professional colleagues with several of the prosecutors in the Southern District and could ‘cut to the chase’ with them in ways I doubt someone else without those ties could have.” **Stephen Juris** is commended by a client as “a gifted wordsmith in both speech and on paper and his manner is calming when faced with adversity. He is a true asset.”