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Neal Sonnett is a nationally respected white-collar criminal defense lawyer who defends complex cases throughout the nation. He served as an assistant United States attorney and chief of the Criminal Division for the Southern District of Florida before he entered private practice.

Sonnett has served as president of the Dade County Bar Association and the Florida and National Associations of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and as chair of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section; he is also past president of the University of Miami Law Alumni Association. He has been honored by the *National Law*

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Among many other awards, Sonnett was named the University of Miami School of Law's 2007 Alumnus of Distinction and received the Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor, the highest award to a lawyer by the legal profession in Florida, in recognition of "dedicated service in improving the administration of the criminal justice system and in protecting individual rights precious to our American Constitutional form of government." Read his extended bio [here](#).