

JONATHAN LENZNER '04

Jonathan F. Lenzner '04 runs The Lenzner Firm, P.C., a Washington, D.C. law firm, and IGI, its affiliated international investigative firm founded 30 years ago by his father. After serving nine years as a federal and Manhattan prosecutor, in March 2013 Jon joined The Lenzner Firm/IGI, where he also handles white-collar matters, supervises investigations, and leads business development.

From 2010 to 2013, Lenzner served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland, where he conducted six trials in federal court and led numerous grand jury investigations into public corruption, financial crimes and labor and sex trafficking. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Lenzner worked as a prosecutor in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office from 2004 to 2010 under Robert M. Morgenthau and his successor, Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. Over the course of his career at the DA's Office, Lenzner served in the Major Economic Crimes Bureau, trial division and Sex Crimes Unit, and successfully tried more than 20 cases before juries.

In addition to his legal and investigative experience, Lenzner offers clients crisis communications strategy and counsel, combining his career as a litigator with earlier experience as a media strategist for corporate and political clients. He was the director of national press advance for a presidential campaign and worked as a press secretary on Capitol Hill, including for the House International Relations Committee. Since joining The Lenzner Firm/IGI, Lenzner has counseled individual and corporate clients in crisis situations, often in conjunction with ongoing legal or investigative representation.

Lenzner continues to conduct trainings for law enforcement, including the Mail Fraud Training for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and serves as a visiting instructor for a law school's trial advocacy course. With experience prosecuting violations of labor and sex trafficking statutes, Lenzner has provided pro bono services to a victim of trafficking, and has authored articles on regulations targeting trafficking in corporate supply chains.

Jon has been actively involved at Cardozo, as a speaker in the Dean's Speaker Series, a participant in the Public Service Auction, a former member of the Junior Advisory Board, and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council. He has also been instrumental in the creation and support of the Forensic College Program at the law school, co-sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). In response to his nomination and election to the Board, Jon said, "I am honored and humbled to join the Board of Overseers of Cardozo Law School, which has had such a meaningful impact on me and many others in New York and the greater legal community. Cardozo offers a high quality education while preparing graduates to hit the ground running in an increasingly competitive market. I look forward to working with Dean Melanie Leslie, Chair David Samson, the board and other leaders who are committed to Cardozo's future."