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What was the genesis of the path that has made you a trailblazer?

I always knew I wanted to serve in government and that there would be no better place for me to learn and develop my skills as a white collar criminal lawyer and crisis leader than the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. During my tenure as an AUSA and member of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force, I conducted nine federal criminal trials as lead counsel (including the conviction of the men who looted Adelphia Communications Corp.) and argued more than 20 appeals in the Second Circuit.

What sort of change has resulted from the concept?

Following my invaluable experience as an AUSA, I developed my practice around representing high profile public figures, as well as some of the largest global financial institutions and alternative capital providers in New York and throughout the US, in white collar and investigations matters.

One of my more notable representations that has led to additional crisis work, was obtaining a first of its kind decision dismissing an SEC complaint against Mark Cuban in its entirety. Then, I successfully represented Cuban in a three-week federal jury trial, prevailing on all charges. That work led to other high profile clients, including Elon Musk, the founder & CEO of Tesla Motors, in an SEC investigation and resolution of selective disclosure allegations.

What bearing will this have on the future?

In the future, I expect the 24 hour news and social media cycles will continue to play a significant role in how one deals with crises. In addition, I expect that financial regulations, particularly with respect to virtual currency, will become increasingly complex.