**Meet Eddie Castaing:**

**EDWARD J. CASTAING, JR.**, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 14, 1946, and has lived in New Orleans all of his life. Except for three years in high school, he attended public schools in Orleans Parish. Hegraduated from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge (B.S.), in 1968.

Eddie graduated from Tulane Law School in 1971. He was a member of the Tulane Moot Court Student Board of Judges, and the Phillip Jessup International Moot Court Team.

From 1971 – 1975, Eddie worked as an associate with Montgomery, Barnett, Brown and Read, in the real estate and corporate section. He authored, “The Floor Plan Mortgage,” 21 Louisiana Bar Journal 119 (1973). Looking for the opportunity to become a trial attorney and, particularly, to work with the esteemed criminal attorney, F. Irvin Dymond (1914-1998), Eddie joined the firm of Dymond and Crull in 1975. His present firm, Crull, Castaing & Lilly, Pan American Life Center, 601 Poydras Street, Suite 2323, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, (504) 581-7700, is the successor to Mr. Dymond’s original firm.

Eddie practices extensively in the area of criminal law, personal injury, and commercial litigation. He has tried numerous federal white-collar criminal cases, state and federal drug offenses, and all other state criminal cases. Eddie has represented corporate and individual clients in federal grand jury investigations, and many who faced federal investigations for fraud, criminal tax, environmental violations, antitrust and business crimes of all types. For example, he successfully defended an attorney in the Government’s criminal case against that attorney and co-defendants, former Governor Edwin Edwards, and Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Louisiana, Jim Brown, in Baton Rouge (USDC, WDLA) (September 18 - October 11, 2000). He also represented an attorney in a federal criminal tax prosecution, which was tried in May, 2005, to a not guilty verdict. Eddie was also the successful defense attorney in the celebrated first-degree murder, death penalty case of *State of Louisiana v. Anthony Keko*, which was tried in Plaquemines Parish in 1993. The Keko trial and Eddie’s role in it were the subject of a British Broadcasting Corporation special, which aired on the Arts and Entertainment channel in the United States and England, and were also featured on the ABC Evening News, an ABC News special report, and the CBS program, “60 Minutes,” and other media reports. Mr. Keko was set free. Eddie also successfully represented a registered nurse arrested for four counts of second-degree murder in the highly publicized euthanasia investigation conducted by the Louisiana Attorney General following Hurricane Katrina, which involved allegations of euthanizing patients in Memorial Hospital while New Orleans was flooded.

Eddie is Adjunct Professor of Law, a member of the adjunct faculty of Tulane Law School, teaching trial advocacy since the inception of the program in 1978, through the present. Since 2007, he has served as co-Director of the Tulane Trial Advocacy Program. He also has taught undergraduate pre-law and business law courses at University of New Orleans and Tulane.

Eddie has lectured in the following CLE programs: Louisiana State Bar Association;‘ “Business Crimes,” New York, New York, 11/17/18; LSBA, “Motions! Motions! Motions,”, 12/5/16; LSBA, “Avoiding a White Collar Indictment”, New York, New York, 11/23/09; LSBA, “Fraud: Commercial Litigation in the Criminal Context”, 11/20/09; New Orleans Bar Association, “How Not to Become a White-Collar Criminal,” 4/11/07; Jefferson Bar Association, “Avoiding Becoming a White-Collar Defendant”, 3/30/07; “White Collar Crime,” Jefferson Bar Association, 4/01/04; American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, Environmental Crimes, Enforcement for Criminal and Civil Practitioners, 1/30/04; Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, “Defending Wiretaps, 12/5/03; National Business Institute, “Criminal Defense Litigation in Louisiana,” 3/14/97; New Orleans Bar Association, “Evidence and Experts,” 12/23/96. He was a frequent guest speaker on the New Orleans Bar Association television program, “It’s the Law”.

Eddie started, and organizes, chairs and is the moderator for, the Louisiana State Bar Association CLE Program, “White Collar Crime Symposium”, held in 2009-2019 (cancelled in 2020 due to Covid); and hereafter and continuing, an annual in-depth seminar on federal white collar crime, featuring highly recognized experts in this field.

Eddie attended by invitation, the “Forum on Corporate Enforcement,” in 2012 through 2020, conducted by and for a limited number of federal white-collar defense counsel on the national level. He serves on the Steering Committee.

In 1994, Eddie was appointed by the Judges of the Eastern District of Louisiana, to serve, and still serves, on the Advisory Board, VOA Comprehensive Sanction Center (Half-way House). Eddie was a member of the Merit Selection Panel for U.S. Magistrate Judge, Nov. 1994-Jan.1995; and, again, for the re-appointment of two other U.S. Magistrate Judges, in 2014.

Eddie is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, since September, 1983, and, more recently, Judicial Excellence. He is recognized by Super Lawyers, and Top Lawyers, New Orleans Magazine, both for white collar criminal defense.

Eddie is a member of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, American Association of Justice, Louisiana Association for Justice, The American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association and New Orleans Bar Association.

Eddie devoted much quality time coaching and serving administratively in the Carrollton Booster youth sports organization in the uptown area of New Orleans, wherein he served as a coach for his children’s teams, board member for ten years and president for two years. He has also been active in the affairs of his church.