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**Brown & Ruprecht, PC Establishes
White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations Practice Areas**

(Kansas City, MO – January 1, 2014) – With the addition of senior attorneys Lance D. Sandage and Branden A. Bell, as well as associate Sarah G. Hess, Brown & Ruprecht, PC has established two new practice areas.

Lance Sandage has spent more than 18 years building a diverse and successful career representing individuals and companies throughout the Midwest. Lance's extensive background includes representing clients in matters ranging from individuals facing government investigation to companies conducting internal investigations. Lance is frequently relied upon in criminal defense matters that involve lengthy, complex trials, and he has built a track record of defending clients against great odds.

Branden Bell is an experienced trial lawyer who focuses on federal criminal litigation. He has experience in cases involving business disputes, corporate concerns, health care fraud, conspiracies, and other criminal violations. He has been lead counsel in hundreds of criminal cases and helped clients navigate charges of Medicare and Medicaid fraud, wire fraud, smuggling, mislabeling, and other serious allegations. He also advises corporations, directors, and executives about internal investigations and corporate compliance. And he helps clients coordinate defense strategy in the face of prosecutorial scrutiny.

When the government comes knocking, you are in for the fight of your life. That's why you will never hear about our greatest victories: **when we convince the government not to prosecute our clients.**