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Focus

- Litigation
- Criminal and White Collar Defense
- Data Privacy and Security
- Healthcare
- Attorney General Defense
- Government Contracts

Seasoned former U.S. Attorney and Harvard-trained litigator. Brings DOJ insight and proven firepower to high-stakes white collar defense, government investigations, and complex litigation.

Roger Handberg brings over two decades of frontline prosecutorial and litigation experience to GrayRobinson's criminal and white-collar defense practice. As the former United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, one of the largest and most active federal jurisdictions in the country, Roger led the office through a period of historic enforcement activity, supervising complex criminal, civil, and national security matters that generated billions in recoveries and touched nearly every corner of federal law. As U.S. Attorney, Roger directed an office of more than 120 attorneys and oversaw a 60% increase in criminal filings.

Recognized for his prosecutorial precision and strategic command of high-stakes litigation, Roger has earned a national reputation for successfully managing major financial crime, public corruption, and regulatory enforcement cases. His DOJ insights and courtroom credibility make him a powerful ally to clients facing parallel civil, criminal, and reputational risks.

Roger now represents corporations, financial institutions, boards, and senior executives confronting government investigations, enforcement actions, and enterprise-threatening allegations. He helps clients preempt exposure, mitigate liability, and protect their interests across forums, leveraging his knowledge of DOJ charging strategies, investigative priorities, and trial tactics to deliver strong outcomes.

Prior to serving as U.S. Attorney, Roger held senior posts within the DOJ and the Florida Attorney General's Office, including Criminal Chief, Chief of the Orlando Division, Senior Litigation Counsel, and Senior Assistant Attorney General. This deep institutional experience informs his pragmatic, proactive approach to client defense and crisis response.

Notable Work

As a former federal prosecutor, Roger has extensive experience handling complex criminal matters, including white collar crimes, public corruption matters, and computer crimes, with more than $500 million in successfully prosecuted fraud cases:

- Served as a designated computer crimes prosecutor, handling cases involving data theft, unauthorized system access, and related offenses. Prosecuted multiple defendants tied to the theft of sensitive information from a large hospital system, including violations of 42 U.S.C. § 1320d-6 for wrongful disclosure of individually identifiable health information , a matter that later resulted in a related plaintiff class action.
- Former public official sentenced to 11 years in federal prison for sex trafficking of a child, production of a false identification document, aggravated identity theft, stalking, wire fraud, and conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States.
- Orlando man sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for over $300 million in fraud.
- Managing members of investment funds sentenced to nine years in federal prison for wire fraud conspiracy.
- Former police chief sentenced to 48 months in federal prison for bribery.
- Former Florida House of Representatives member sentenced to 13 months in federal prison for wire fraud.

As U.S. Attorney, Roger supervised every aspect of the operations of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the second-largest district in the country by population. Under his leadership, the U.S. Attorney's Office:

- Strengthened the Civil Division, achieving more than $500 million in fraud recoveries and settlements under the federal False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Stark Law, and other statutes.
- Prosecuted over 500 white-collar matters, securing more than $1 billion in restitution for victims.
- Charged over 750 defendants with firearms violations, including a record-setting year in 2024.
- Brought more than 340 cases involving child exploitation and human trafficking, with unprecedented annual totals.
- Doubled Fentanyl trafficking prosecutions and seized over 80 million fatal-dose units.
- Expanded the National Security Section and created a Civil Rights Unit.

As a Senior Assistant Attorney General with the Florida Attorney General's Economic Crimes Division, Roger handled a wide variety of investigations and matters involving Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, the civil RICO Act, and the False Claims Act:

- Participated as one of the lead attorneys in the investigation of an automobile manufacturer related to tire failures that had led to rollover accidents.
- Argued two cases in Florida District Courts of Appeal regarding authority to issue RICO investigative subpoenas (Advance America LLC v. State, 801 So.2d 310 (Fla. 1st DCA 2001) and Check 'n Go of Florida, Inc. v. State, 790 So.2d 454 (Fla. 5th DCA 2001).

Recognition

- Volusia Sheriff's Office, Community Service Award

Insights

- "Demystifying the Judicial System: Some Practical Suggestions for Businesses, Professionals, and Non-Profits," Rotary Club of Tallahassee, October 28, 2026
- "Elder Fraud Schemes and Their Connections to Tax Collector's Offices," Florida Tax Collectors Association's 2026 Education Forum, August 31, 2026
- "Florida's fentanyl and drug-related deaths continue to drop," *Tampa Bay Times*, August 3, 2026
- "Ethical Issues at Sentencing," Panelist, 35th Annual National Seminar on Federal Sentencing, July 30, 2026
- "Housing Management Legal Discussion," LeadingAge Southeast 63rd Annual Convention and Exposition, July 14, 2026
- "Elder Fraud: Best Practices for Protecting Your Seniors," LeadingAge Southeast 63rd Annual Convention and Exposition, July 13, 2026
- "Scams, Schemes, and Safeguards: Lessons from Federal Elder Fraud Cases," Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, May 29, 2026
- "Trends in Federal Criminal and Civil Health Care Fraud Enforcement," The Florida Bar's Health Law Section May 2026 Health Law Update, May 21, 2026
- "Scams, Schemes, and Safeguards: Lessons from Federal Elder Fraud Cases," Charlotte County Bar Association, May 20, 2026
- "GrayRobinson Litigation Insight: A Guide to Removing False Social Media Posts and Florida Stalking Injunctions," GrayRobinson Insight, May 15, 2026
- "Federal Business Litigation: Bench and Bar Perspectives on Federal Court for In-House and Outside Counsel," Panelist, The Orlando Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the Central Florida Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the Bench Bar Fund of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida CLE, May 5, 2026
- Florida Tax Collectors' Association Meeting, Guest Speaker, May 4, 2026
- "Commentary: National Police Week is a time to remember fallen law-enforcement heroes," Co-Author Kenneth D. Robinson, *Orlando Sentinel*, May 1, 2026
- False Claims Act Investigations, Public Contract Law Section, American Bar Association, Panelist, April 29, 2026
- "Member Spotlight," The Florida Bar Health Law Section Member Spotlight Series, April 26, 2026
- Elder Fraud Prevention, Osceola County Bar Association, March 27, 2026
- Immigration Enforcement, Marion County Braver Angels Community Forum, March 26, 2026
- "Elder Fraud: Recent Trends and Tips for Protecting Against Scams and Reporting Them to Law Enforcement," Bradenton Kiwanis Club Meeting, March 24, 2026
- "Worksite Immigration Compliance in an Evolving Landscape," Lee County Bar Association Immigration Law Section CLE, February 25, 2026
- "GrayRobinson Litigation Insight: U.S. Supreme Court Invalidates IEEPA Tariffs: What Businesses Should Do Now," GrayRobinson Insight, February 21, 2026
- "An Insider's Perspective – General Counsel and Compliance Professionals," Moderator, 2026 Health Care Fraud Institute, State Bar of Georgia, February 11, 2026
- "Immigration Enforcement," The Florida Bar RPPTL Section Construction Law Committee Monthly Meeting, February 9, 2026

- "Elder Fraud: Awareness, Prevention, and Protection," Manatee Tiger Bay Club Luncheon, November 20, 2025
- "Immigration/I-9 Compliance and Marriage Fraud Enforcement in an Evolving Landscape," Orange County Bar Association Immigration Committee CLE Webinar, November 12, 2025
- "Music & Money: The Lou Pearlman Fraud Case," Meritas 2025 Litigation and Labor and Employment Groups Meeting, November 6, 2025
- "Navigating an ICE Raid," Associated Builders and Contractors Central Florida Chapter (ABC Central Florida) 2025 EdTech Summit, October 24, 2025
- "Elder Fraud Safeguards and FAPSA Responsibilities," Rotary Club of Tallahassee, October 1, 2025
- "Worksite Immigration Compliance in an Evolving Landscape," Hillsborough County Bar Association (HCBA) Construction Law Section CLE Luncheon, September 18, 2025
- "The High Cost of Deception: Identifying and Preventing Scams and Fraud," Flagler Tiger Bay Club Luncheon, September 17, 2025
- "Elder Fraud Safeguards and FAPSA Responsibilities," Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, September 10, 2025
- "Scams, Schemes, and Safeguards: Lessons from Federal Fraud Cases," Sunrise Rotary Club of Gainesville, August 28, 2025
- "Scams, Schemes, and Safeguards: Lessons from Federal Fraud Cases," Winter Park Rotary Club, August 25, 2025
- "GrayRobinson Labor and Employment Insight: A Legal Guide to Worksite Immigration Compliance in an Evolving Landscape," GrayRobinson Insight, August 8, 2025
- "The Honorable Elizabeth A. Kovachevich 34th Annual National Seminar on Federal Sentencing," Federal Bar Association, Tampa Bay Chapter, July 30-August 1, 2025
- "Inside the Office," Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, July 30, 2025
- "Legal Insights," Brandon Rotary Club, July 29, 2025
- "GrayRobinson Litigation Insight: Part 2: The Compliance Divide: Federal vs. Florida False Claims Acts - What You Need to Know," GrayRobinson Insight, July 15, 2025
- "GrayRobinson Litigation Insight: Part 1: Inside the DOJ's New Civil Rights Initiative - What it Means for False Claims Act Liability," GrayRobinson Insight, July 10, 2025
- "Maintaining Immigration Compliance in an Evolving Landscape," GrayRobinson Labor and Employment Webinar, July 8, 2025
- "Elder Fraud," Meninak Club Monday Meeting, June 23, 2025
- "Commentary: Remember our heroes during National Police Week," Co-Author Kenneth D. Robinson, *Orlando Sentinel*, April 29, 2025
- "U.S. Attorney: Jacksonville service members might be missing out on financial protections," *Florida Times-Union*, February 8, 2025
- "Fentanyl caused deaths down in Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties | Opinion," *Fort Myers News-Press*, February 2, 2025
- "Servicemembers should use financial protection," *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, January 15, 2025
- "Violent neighborhood crime is a focus, Orlando's top federal prosecutor writes," *Orlando Sentinel*, November 27, 2024

- "U.S. Attorney: Public corruption is my office's top issue. That's why we prosecuted the JEA case," *Florida Times-Union*, August 29, 2024
- "U.S. Attorney Roger Handberg comments on JEA case," *Jacksonville Daily Record*, August 22, 2024
- "Protecting rights of veterans, servicemembers is vital," *Orlando Sentinel*, July 9, 2023
- "'United against hate': U.S. Attorney's office works tirelessly to investigate hate crimes," *Florida Times-Union*, September 2023
- "Roger Handberg: Praise for City of Jacksonville's response to disabled housing lawsuit," *Florida Times-Union*, July 2022
- "The Opioid Epidemic in Florida," *Florida Bar Journal*, May/June 2020
- "Booker: The First 10 Years in Florida," *Florida Bar Journal*, January 2017
- "The Florida Attorney General's Environmental Protection Authority," *Florida Bar Journal*, November 2011
- "The Enforcement of Investigative Subpoenas Issued by Administrative Agencies: An Analysis of Common Defenses," *Florida Bar Journal*, October 2002

Media

- "Update on Recent Changes and Proposed Changes to the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure: Are the Florida Rules Becoming More Similar to the Federal System?" Presenter, Miami-Dade Bar's Criminal Court Committee, Virtual CLE, October 6, 2026
- "People Are Losing Thousands Of Dollars To This Jury Duty Scam Right Now," *HuffPost*, September 1, 2026
- "Where case stands against suspended Sheriff Marcos Lopez one year since arrest," *Spectrum News 13*, June 8, 2026
- "Ghost guns in Florida: How untraceable weapons make it harder to solve crimes," *ClickOrlando*, May 18, 2026
- "Boy Band Confidential," *HBO Max Docuseries*, April 13, 2026
- "Is Someone Claiming You've Missed Jury Duty? It Might Be a Scam," *AARP*, March 11, 2026
- "Ryan Routh sentenced to life in prison for attempted assassination of President Trump," *Spectrum News 13*, February 4, 2026
- "Dangerous drug cocktails in Orlando pose new threats," *WESH.com*, January 9, 2026
- "Marcos Lopez 'last man standing' in illegal gambling case," *Spectrum News 13*, November 25, 2025
- "Fewer Smaller Cases: A Review of Trends in Federal White-Collar Prosecutions from 2017 to 2024," The American Bar Association: Criminal Justice Magazine, November 11, 2025
- "Law School's Missed Lessons: Educating Your Community," *Law360*, October 29, 2025
- "Pennsylvania man federally charged for making death threat against Tampa General Hospital's CEO," *News Channel 8 WFLA*, July 17, 2025
- "Movers and Influencers," *Florida Trend*, July 16, 2025
- "Former Fla. US Atty Comes 'Home' In Private Practice Return," *Law360*, July 2, 2025
- "Personnel File --- People on the Move," *News Service of Florida*, June 23, 2025
- "Former U.S. Attorney for central Florida joins an Orlando law firm," *WFTV.com*, June 21, 2025

- "Personnel note: Roger Handberg joins GrayRobinson's Litigation practice," *Florida Politics*, June 19, 2025
- "Former Florida US Atty Starts 'Next Chapter' At GrayRobinson," *Law360*, June 18, 2025
- "United States Attorney's Office Announces Departure of Roger B. Handberg as U.S. Attorney," *justice.gov*, February 18, 2025
- "Venice medical company to pay up to $4.9 million in false claims case," *Business Observer*, January 31, 2025.
- "Justice Department files nationwide lawsuit against Walgreens," *Drug Store News*, January 21, 2025
- "Federal investigators describe crime spree sparking brutal Seminole carjacking," *Orlando Sentinel*, January 16, 2025.
- "Number of Floridians Supplying Drug Cartels Outside U.S. With Guns On The Rise, U.S. Attorney Says," *News4JAX The Local Station*, November 25, 2024
- "Hillsborough ophthalmology practice to pay $1.3M in false claims case," *Business Observer*, November 12, 2024
- "Inside U.S. District Attorney Roger Handberg's Historic White-Collar Crackdown," *The Business Journals*, October 4, 2024
- "Pasco, Lee Hospitals named in $20M federal settlement," *Business Observer*, September 26, 2024
- "U.S. Attorney Roger Handberg Describes Fentanyl's Toll," *FlaglerLive.com*, September 18, 2024
- "Walgreens to Pay $106.8 Million Over Alleged Fraudulent Healthcare Billings," *Wall Street Journal*, September 13, 2024
- "Tampa healthcare company to pay $14.9 million in false claims settlement" *Business Observer*, June 8, 2024
- "U.S. Attorney Highlights Recent Prosecutions Of True Threats And Hate Crimes Cases, Will Continue To Pursue These Cases In Federal Court," *justice.gov*, February 1, 2024
- "Tampa Bay's New Top Federal Prosecutor Aims For Bigger Cases," *Tampa Bay Times*, May 27, 2022
- "Tampa medical group to pay $24.5 million fine to settle DOJ claims," *Business Observer*, April 12, 2022
- "Florida-based communications carrier TracFone to pay $13.4 million settlement, DOJ says," *Orlando Sentinel*, April 6, 2022
- "Joel Greenberg's Prosecutor Gets A Promotion. Great. Let's Prosecute Some More," *Orlando Sentinel*, December 29, 2021

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
  - White Collar Crime Committee, 2009-2017
  - Florida Subcommittee, Chair, 2009-2017
- Atlanta Committee of Younger Lawyers
  - Board of Directors, 1996-1999
- Federal Bar Association, Orlando Chapter
  - Board of Directors, 2018-2022

- Florida Attorney General's Office, Economic Crimes Division
  - Senior Assistant Attorney General, 1999-2002
- The Florida Bar
  - Criminal Procedure Rules Committee
- George C. Young American Inn of Court
  - President, 2021-2022
  - Board of Directors, 2009-2022
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Orange County Bar Association
  - Criminal Law Committee, Chair, 2006
- U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida
  - U.S. Attorney, 2021-2025
  - Assistant U.S. Attorney, 2002-2021

Credentials

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1994, *cum laude*
- B.A., University of North Carolina, 1991, With Highest Distinction and With Honors

Admissions

- Florida
- Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit