

Bernie Madoff attorney to speak at Tulane

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Attorney and Tulane alumnus Ira Sorkin, best-known for representing Bernie Madoff, the former non-executive chairman of the NASDAQ stock market and operator of one of the largest financial frauds in U.S. history, will speak at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 16 in the Freeman Auditorium on the second floor of Tulane's Woldenberg Art Center.

In addition to being a Tulane alumnus, Sorkin holds an honorary doctorate from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he serves on the Board of Governors. He is a member of the firm in Lowenstein Sandler's white collar defense group. Early in his career, he was a trial attorney at the Securities and Exchange Commission, and he went on to serve as director of the S.E.C.'s New York office. He has also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division in New York, prosecuting numerous federal violations ranging from conspiracy to organized crime to securities fraud.

Sorkin has lectured for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) since 1981, the American Bar Association, the Practising Law Institute, the Securities Industry Association, FINRA, the North American State Securities Administrators, and the Department of Justice training seminar for Federal Prosecutors. He has also been a speaker and lecturer on numerous domestic and international panels and seminars relating to white collar crime, regulatory defense, internal investigations, and corporate governance.

He has been listed in publications including *Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America* in three categories - "Bet-the Company Litigation," "Criminal Defense-White Collar," and "Commercial Litigation."

This event, which is free and open to the public, is part of the John J. Witmeyer III Dean's Colloquium series, which invites distinguished alumni back to campus to discuss their careers and professions. Sponsored by the Newcomb-Tulane College Office of Cocurricular Programs. A reception will follow Sorkin's talk.