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In a speech before the 33rd Annual American Bar Association National Institute on White Collar Crime Conference on March 8, 2018, U. S. Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski noted, "There can be no doubt that today's law enforcement challenges are many, and varied, and complex. But the Department's commitment to white-collar criminal enforcement and the promotion of ethical business practices remain as strong as ever. You needn't take my word for it. The numbers themselves bear this out. In fiscal year 2018, the Department charged more than 6,500 defendants in white-collar prosecutions, a modest three-percent increase over the prior year. In the Criminal Division, which I oversee, those numbers were even higher. In 2018, our Fraud Section prosecutors charged 406 individuals, won 268 convictions, and brought 10 corporate enforcement actions. They recovered more than \$1 billion in domestic corporate criminal fines, penalties, restitution, and forfeiture, as part of resolutions that returned \$3 billion globally."

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