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Matthew I. Menchel Shares Experiences in Criminal Law and Views on Bridging the Pay Gap on Podcast

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From his time working as a federal prosecutor to achieving victory in complex civil litigation, Kobre & Kim's Miami-based lawyer Matthew I. Menchel shared his experiences with white collar defense and corporate investigations attorneys Marissel Descalzo and Vanessa Johannes Singh, hosts of the *Athena Rising* podcast.

In their latest episode, Mr. Menchel discussed some of his proudest moments as a trial lawyer and shared some of his views on bridging the pay gap between men and women in the legal industry.

"I love working with, not only women, but with a diverse pool of people, because part of being a trial lawyer is thinking outside of your own head [...]. I think it's only a detriment to our profession to not have as much diversity as possible." Mr. Menchel said.

Mr. Menchel is widely renowned for his skill in the courtroom and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Recognized as "an absolutely first-class trial practitioner" by Chambers USA, he is described as "truly gifted at cross-examinations and at communicating with a jury." The *Daily Business Review* has twice chosen him as the "Most Effective Lawyer" in the criminal law category.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Menchel was a prosecutor at the U.S. Department of Justice (as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida), where he was also chief of the Criminal Division. He also served as a prosecutor in the New York County District Attorney's Office, during which time he trained Assistant District Attorneys in trial advocacy as the director of legal training.

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