

"Casino Jack" was one of the first prominent Republicans that Lowell represented after making his reputation in the House of Representatives as counsel to the Democratic party. Lowell secured a plea bargain for Abramoff, who ended up serving less than 38 months in prison after pleading guilty in January 2006 to bribing prominent Republican officials on behalf of his clients, various Native American casinos. Abramoff's actions led to convictions of House of

Representatives majority leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas) and Representative Bob Ney (R-Ohio), as well as several Bush administration officials.

JACK ABRAMOFF
Prominent lawyer
and lobbyist at Preston
Gates & Ellis (1994–
2001) and Greenberg
Traurig (2001–04)



Lowell first made a name for himself in perhaps the biggest political trial in recent years, serving as chief counsel to House Judiciary Committee Democrats during Clinton's 1998 impeachment hearings. Lowell gave an impassioned closing argument against using impeachment as a means of punishing the president, but to no avail. Clinton was impeached by the House's Republican majority, but the Senate refused to remove him from office.

BILL CLINTON
Forty-second
president of the
United States
(1993–2001)

ROGUE'S GALLERY



FOUR YEARS AGO, John Edwards was fighting Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination. Now he's fighting for his freedom. Fortunately, his attorney, Chadbourne & Parke litigation partner **Abbe Lowell**, has plenty of experience representing lawmakers who find themselves on the wrong side of the law. Lowell rose to prominence during the 1998 impeachment hearings of President Bill Clinton when he served as counsel to congressional Democrats. Since then, Lowell's practice often involves defending a client on multiple fronts. Here are some of his high-profile political cases.

—Victor Li

Edwards's stunning fall from grace culminated in his indictment in June 2011 for allegedly violating campaign contribution laws in order to cover up

JOHN EDWARDS
U.S. senator from
North Carolina
(1999–2005),
Democratic
vice presidential
nominee (2004)

an extramarital affair. Lowell took over as Edwards's lead attorney last August. At press time jury selection had just begun.



The rising star's political career fizzled out after he admitted to an affair with Cynthia Hampton, wife of Ensign's chief of staff. Ensign called on Lowell to represent him during a Senate Ethics Committee probe into whether Ensign violated campaign contribution laws when his family paid \$96,000 to the Hamptons. After he resigned from the Senate, the Ethics Committee recommended that the U.S. Department of Justice reopen a previous criminal investigation into Ensign. So far, Justice hasn't announced whether or not it would relaunch its probe.

JOHN ENSIGN
U.S. senator from
Nevada (2001–11)