

Gejaa T. Gobena

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Biography

Gejaa Gobena uses his almost two decades of experience as both a former senior prosecutor and private attorney to help companies and individuals thoughtfully navigate high-stakes investigations and government enforcement actions, particularly in the area of healthcare fraud.

Health care is one of the largest parts of our economy and raises unique issues that touch on public policy and patient health and safety. Gejaa has handled investigations in every part of the health care industry, and his unique experience and approach to handling complex matters is especially valuable to clients as they evaluate allegations, assess risks, and respond to government investigations.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Gejaa served as Deputy Chief of the Fraud Section in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice. As Deputy Chief, he led the Criminal Division's 50-attorney healthcare fraud unit, supervising prosecutions brought by Medicare Fraud Strike Force teams across the country and spearheading the unit's recent shift to investigating and prosecuting broader corporate health care fraud schemes. Prior to joining the Criminal Division, Gejaa spent six years in the Civil Division, investigating and prosecuting False Claims Act and *qui tam* matters that resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in judgments and settlements.

Gejaa has received numerous awards as a result of his government service, including the Attorney General's



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Practices

Health

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Litigation Services

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Anti-Corruption Compliance and Due Diligence

Education and admissions

Award for Fraud Prevention in 2016 and in 2011, the Award for Excellence from the Health and Human Services Department of the Office of the Inspector General in 2015, and the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in 2013. In 2011, he was also selected by the *National Law Journal* as one of the top 40 minority attorneys under 40.

Awards and rankings

- Healthcare: Service Providers, *Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Dispute Resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, *Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2016, 2011
- Award for Excellence, *U.S. Health and Human Services Department of the Office of the Inspector General*, 2015
- Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2013

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - New circuit split on evidence needed to prove a kickback renders a claim false or fraudulent
- News
 - FCA Podcast Series Episode 3: Healthcare and Telemedicine
- News
 - FCA Podcast Series Episode 1: A Perfect Storm
- Press Releases
 - False Claims Act remains a key DOJ enforcement tool, warns new FCA Guide
- News
 - The False Claims Act Guide: 2021 and the road ahead
- News
 - Fourth Circuit: Safeco defense applies to FCA claims and dooms Medicaid best price qui tam

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 1998

B.A., University of Virginia, with high distinction, 1995

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York
