

Jonathan L. Diesenhaus

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Biography

Jonathan Diesenhaus advises and advocates for companies and professionals in the life sciences, health care, and other regulated industries surrounding civil, criminal, as well as administrative enforcement matters.

Jonathan helps clients respond quickly and efficiently to government investigations, evaluating allegations, reviewing evidence, assessing risk, and identifying strategies to achieve the most appropriate results.

As a leading False Claims Act (FCA) litigator, he defends qui tam cases brought by whistleblowers and the government in federal courts across the United States. Amid threats of prosecution and fines for retaining over payments, even when there was no fraud, Jonathan guides his clients through internal investigations, repayment, and, when necessary, voluntary disclosures to agencies and law enforcement. His clients include pharmaceutical and medical device companies, hospitals, physician groups, research universities, and academic medical centers.

Jonathan has been prosecuting and defending health care and government program fraud cases for over 25 years. From 1998 to 2005, he handled civil health care fraud, FCA, and qui tam cases as a senior trial counsel in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). He represented the government in matters that established the FCA as a vehicle to pursue violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Stark Law, and the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Jonathan has received a number of awards for his work from the DOJ, the U.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

Hospitals and Health Care Providers

Medical Devices

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

Food and Drug Administration, and the Office of Inspector General in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Jonathan also works with industry and academic trade associations to educate policymakers on the complications of prosecuting health care fraud under both state and federal qui tam statutes, on the detrimental impact of qui tam and federal FCA investigations, and the effect that litigation has on businesses and individuals.

Representative experience

Led investigation teams in sensitive data integrity matters, including manipulation of scientific data and price reporting information.

Secured Deferred Prosecution Agreement and civil settlement for global biotech company accused of adulterating a surgical adhesion barrier.

Won summary judgment for university in qui tam accusing its anesthesiologists of billing for services they didn't provide.

Resolved criminal and civil Anti-Kickback Statute charges against small pharma company by Deferred Prosecution Agreement and civil settlement.

Defended global generic drug manufacturer in first of its kind civil money penalties settlement with OIG-HHS for misreporting Average Sales Price data.

Favorable settlement after litigation for a New Jersey cardiologist of Stark Law and False Claims Act violations for referring patients to UMDNJ.

Investigated and settled grant fraud allegations for a major academic medical center in New York City.

Handling voluntary disclosures of excluded employee and billing problems for various corporate health care providers.

Won nine summary judgment motions and complete dismissal of wide-ranging qui tam alleging off-label promotion and violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute

State Attorneys General

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 1988

B.A., University of Colorado, cum laude, 1985

Memberships

ABA, Health Law Section

ABA, Criminal Justice Section

Planning Committee, ABA National Institute, Health Care Fraud

American Health Law Association

Health Care Compliance Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Colorado

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. Supreme Court

Accolades

against a pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Represented manufacturer of surgical sterilization equipment in FDA civil money penalties action for failure to report manufacturing quality problems.

Won dismissal of qui tam alleging that a large academic medical center's methodology for compensating employed neurosurgeons violated the Stark Law.

Representing hospital in federal grand jury investigation of allegations that surgeries were performed by unsupervised, unlicensed employed physicians.

Awards and rankings

- False Claims Act (USA, Nationwide), Band 2, *Chambers USA*, 2022-2023
- Healthcare (District of Columbia), Band 3, *Chambers USA*, 2020-2023
- Healthcare (District of Columbia), Recognized Practitioner, *Chambers USA*, 2019
- Litigation: White Collar and Government Investigations (District of Columbia), *Chambers USA*, 2014-2019
- Healthcare: Service Providers, Hall of Fame, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2020
- Healthcare: Service Providers, Leading Lawyer, *Legal 500 US*, 2013-2019
- Health Care Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2013-2001
- Dispute Resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, *Legal 500 US*, 2014, 2016-2017
- Inspector General's Integrity Award, 2005
- Civil Division Special Commendations, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2003-2004
- Food and Drug Administration Commissioner's Special Citation, 1999

"He is an excellent lawyer and at the top of his game – when it's a complicated and difficult issue he is extremely good at analyzing it and communicating his recommendation. He thinks very quickly on his feet."

Chambers USA

Latest thinking and events

■ News

- The False Claims Act Guide: 2023 and the road ahead

■ Press releases

- Hogan Lovells files brief on behalf of March For Our Lives urging Supreme Court to prohibit domestic abusers from possessing guns

■ News

- Supreme Court's Schutte decision: the meaning of knowledge remains elusive

■ Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements

- The American Bar Association's 33rd National Institute on Health Care Fraud

■ News

- Oral arguments suggest hesitancy from SCOTUS to agree with the Seventh Circuit on SuperValu FCA case

■ Published Works

- Anti-kickback causation in FCA suits: text or purpose? *Hogan Lovells FCA Guide*