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OVERVIEW

A former federal prosecutor, Jonathan counsels companies and individuals through their toughest and most complex legal situations.

Jonathan focuses on white collar criminal defense, federal investigations brought under the False Claims Act, and litigation against the government and whistleblowers, with an emphasis on matters within the healthcare industry. Clients nationwide seek Jonathan's knowledge as a former federal prosecutor with extensive experience in both criminal and civil matters to guide them through federal investigations.

Chambers USA commends Jonathan as a "superstar," "professional in every way," with "a really incredible way of communicating," and notes that "clients love him." For federal investigations into healthcare companies, one client told *Chambers USA* that they "trusted his knowledge of the industry and the correct course to take," and that Jonathan "always kept us informed." *Legal500* similarly extols Jonathan for "his deep knowledge of FCA federal investigations."

"He's someone whose biggest strength is seeing the bigger picture and understanding clients objectives and setting a strategy."

— Chambers USA 2025

Industries

Healthcare

Life Sciences

Education

Services

Academic Medicine

Antitrust & Competition

Antitrust Litigation

Digital Health

False Claims Act

Healthcare Litigation

Healthcare Providers

Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance Counseling

Hospice & Palliative Care

Pharmacy

White Collar, Internal Investigations, & Compliance

Jonathan's reputation as a top-tier trial lawyer and a leader in the healthcare enforcement community make him a go-to lawyer for any healthcare company under federal scrutiny.

At the U.S. Department of Justice, Jonathan earned a reputation as a top white collar prosecutor and trial lawyer. He was a key member of multiple international healthcare fraud takedowns and prosecuted a series of high-profile financial crime cases. Jonathan prosecuted doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, executives, and even a pastor for white collar crimes during his time as a federal prosecutor and was touted for his trial skills, with one federal judge calling Jonathan's trial performance "masterful," following a complex healthcare fraud trial. Jonathan also handled major civil investigations and litigation against companies and individuals under the False Claims Act and Controlled Substances Act, resulting in record-breaking settlements and judgments. For his work, Jonathan won some of the highest honors bestowed upon federal prosecutors by the DOJ, FBI, HHS-OIG, and DEA.

Jonathan now uses that experience to guide clients through federal investigations of all kinds, to litigate cases against and involving the government, and to run effective and right-sized internal investigations for corporations. Jonathan also advises clients on how to stay out of trouble with federal authorities, like the Drug Enforcement Administration, through proactive compliance measures. Many of the clients he serves are in the healthcare industry, including health systems, physician groups, and other healthcare companies, along with medical professionals and executives. But clients in all industries count on Jonathan to solve their toughest problems in creative, efficient, and reliable ways.

Jonathan is a leader in the white collar community and a frequent speaker on big-picture policy issues impacting healthcare enforcement, like the growing scope of enforcement under the Anti-Kickback Statute. Jonathan is also the host of Husch Blackwell's hit podcast *False Claims Act Insights*, which Law360 recently highlighted as one of the best podcasts for healthcare and life sciences lawyers. Jonathan also serves as a vice chair of the American Health Law Association's Fraud and Abuse Practice Group and teaches white collar crime as an adjunct professor of law at Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia.

Experience

FEDERAL INVESTIGATION DEFENSE

- Defended federal investigation of healthcare provider, taking over representation after DOJ demanded multi-million dollar settlement while represented by another attorney, and settled matter for 7% of DOJ's prior demand, with no penalties or multiplier.
- Defended federal investigation of healthcare provider, resulting in favorable settlement with Justice Department for repayment of funds, and no added penalties or multiplier.

Experience

- Defended federal investigation of pharmacy accused of healthcare fraud, resulting in complete declination of all charges and closed investigation.
- Defended federal investigation of healthcare executive for healthcare fraud and kickback conspiracy, resulting in complete declination of all charges and closed investigation.
- Defended federal investigation of healthcare provider by DEA, resulting in complete declination of all charges and closed investigation.
- Defended federal investigation of financial institution by FBI, resulting in complete declination of all charges and closed investigation.
- Defended federal investigation of housing development company, resulting in complete declination of all charges and closed investigation.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Internal investigation on behalf of academic medical center relating to potential patient privacy issue.
- Internal investigation on behalf of multi-state health system relating to alleged physician misconduct.
- Internal investigation on behalf of health plan management company relating to Medicare billing practices.
- Internal investigation on behalf of health system relating to purported conflicts of interest policy violation by executive.

HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE

- Advised health system relating to pharmacy department's Controlled Substances Act compliance program.
- Advised health system relating to HRSA program compliance.
- Advised health system relating to Medicare billing practice compliance.

Experience

- Advised physician group relating to Medicare billing practice compliance.
- Advised physician group relating to complex Anti-Kickback Statute compliance.

Recognition

- *Benchmark Litigation*
 - Local Litigation Star, 2025 and 2026
- *Chambers USA*
 - Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations, 2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Healthcare: Service providers, Recommended lawyer, 2024 and 2025
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Southeastern Legal Awards (SLA) 2024 & 2025, Judging Panel
- Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Award for Excellence, 2022
- DOJ EOUSA Director's Award, 2021
- OIG Cooperative Achievement Award, Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, 2021
- Commendation for Demonstrated Excellence, Prosecutive Skills and Outstanding Services, FBI Director Christopher Wray, 2021

[Education](#)

- J.D., Emory University School of Law
 - With Honors
 - *Emory Law Journal*, Articles Editor
- M.P.A., Georgia Southern University
- B.A., Furman University
 - Business Administration

[Admissions](#)

- Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

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