



A former federal prosecutor, J.D. Thomas has the knowledge and experience to guide clients in responding to sensitive and non-routine criminal, civil and regulatory matters. J.D. advises clients on government investigations and prosecutions, qui tam and False Claims Act defense, and other enforcement actions, including state attorney general investigations, regulatory board investigations, and compliance audits.

Before reentering private practice in 2014, J.D. served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee. He focused on healthcare fraud investigations, and investigated and prosecuted numerous actions brought under the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute and the Stark Law. J.D. served as the lead government attorney on a number of notable cases, including the then-largest False Claims Act recovery in the Middle District of Tennessee, the largest short-stay inpatient admissions settlement ever obtained under the False Claims Act, and one of the largest grant fraud settlements obtained to date.

Because of his experience as both a federal prosecutor and defense attorney, J.D. has a unique understanding of what to expect when the government initiates an investigation and an appreciation for how disruptive these types of matters can be to his clients. He focuses on helping clients respond in an expeditious manner in order to minimize or eliminate exposure, find closure, and get back to business.

Since returning to private practice, J.D. has represented and advised companies and individuals in a broad array of criminal, civil and regulatory matters. He works with healthcare clients in matters involving the Department of Justice, Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG), state Medicaid fraud control units, state attorneys general, and state licensing boards. Because of his background, J.D. is particularly skilled at handling complex matters that involve multiple investigating and prosecuting entities and may involve the combined risk of civil, criminal, and administrative liability.

In addition to his government investigations and white collar defense practice, J.D. is an experienced civil litigator. He regularly advises clients

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EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law,
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Vassar College, (B.A.), political science,
1998

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Tennessee

Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of
Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Tennessee

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Middle District
of Tennessee

U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Tennessee

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Litigation

White Collar and Investigations

in high-stakes matters that involve the potential of significant public exposure, reputational harm, and financial loss. J.D. counsels clients in a myriad of industries, and has represented clients facing in professional liability and civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act claims, defended criminal and civil antitrust actions, assisted clients with unwinding and recovering assets lost to Ponzi schemes, and managed numerous other confidential legal matters.

Professional and Community Involvement

Member, Tennessee Bar Association Health Law Section Executive Committee

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Honors

Chambers USA, 2020-2023

The Best Lawyers in America, 2018-2023

Mid-South Super Lawyers, 2020-2021

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