

Mitchell J. Lazris

Partner

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Biography

Mitch Lazris focuses on complex enforcement investigations in the life sciences industry and litigation relating to a range of healthcare issues. He is a member of the firm's Life Science Industry Sector team and the firm's White Collar and Fraud Steering Committee.

For over 15 years, Mitch has represented pharmaceutical companies, medical device companies, academic health centers, physician practices, and insurers in a wide variety of government investigations, both civil and criminal, involving issues arising under federal and state laws. He has defended clients from disputes arising under the Anti-Kickback Act; the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; the False Claims Act; and state consumer protection acts. His experience encompasses internal investigations, congressional investigations, GAO investigations, grand jury practice, as well as related civil litigation activity, such as the defense of qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act and related laws.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Mitch was a trial attorney in the Civil Fraud Section of the Department of Justice. In that capacity, he investigated, litigated, and settled complex multimillion dollar civil False Claims Act matters, including numerous qui tam actions. His primary areas of focus were healthcare and defense contract fraud matters, which often involved parallel



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Practices

Health Law

Investigations

Litigation

Government Contracts

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Aerospace, Defense, and
Government Services

criminal and state investigations.

Representative experience

Representing medical device companies in connection with numerous federal investigations of sales and marketing and FDCA promotional issues.

Secured DOJ criminal and civil declinations in investigations of pharmaceutical, biologics, and medical device companies in connection with allegations of sales, marketing, and pricing misconduct.

Won numerous motions to dismiss for pharmaceutical and biologics companies in declined False Claims Act qui tam lawsuits alleging sales, marketing, and pricing misconduct.

Secured DOJ declination in civil investigation of healthcare insurer for alleged misconduct in connection with its Medicare Part D bid.

Secured favorable civil DOJ settlement in connection with a wide ranging criminal and civil investigation of global pharmaceutical company's sales, marketing, and pricing tactics.

Represented pharmaceutical, biologics, and medical defense companies in connection with Congressional and GAO investigations.

Secured favorable civil DOJ settlement in connection with investigation of government contractor for allegedly providing sub-standard product.

Awards and rankings

- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018
- BTI Client Service All-Star, *BTI Consulting Group*, 2017

Latest thinking and events

Areas of focus

False Claims Act and Qui Tam
White Collar Crime and Fraud

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, cum laude, 1992

A.B., Princeton University, magna cum laude, 1988

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

- Events
 - Patient support programs: Understanding legal risks
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - False Claims Act: A Year in Review 2016
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - OIG releases revised and expanded self-disclosure protocol *Health Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Free speech mandates vacating off-label promotion conviction, says Second Circuit *Litigation & Arbitration Alert*