

PRACTICES

Government Investigations and White Collar Defense
Business Litigation
FCPA and Anti-Corruption
Export Controls, Economic Sanctions, and Customs
Antitrust and Competition
Environmental Litigation
Stakeholder Disputes
Environmental
Real Estate Litigation
Cross-Border Transactions
Congressional Oversight and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Aerospace and Defense

EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2003

Bowdoin College, A.B., 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Mexico
New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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An experienced trial lawyer and former United States Attorney, John defends individuals and companies in complex civil litigation and government investigations.

John counsels companies and individuals facing government investigations that can profoundly impact a client's financial health and professional reputation. John draws on his experience as a senior official in the Department of Justice to guide clients through the process of state and federal government investigations from handling document subpoenas to preparation for interviews, grand jury testimony, and trial.

Clients benefit from his close working relationships with U.S. Attorneys and other Justice Department offices nationwide, as well as with numerous other federal and state government agencies.

John also regularly works with clients at all stages of complex civil litigation, including discovery, dispositive motions, trial, and appeal on disputes involving natural resources, antitrust, tort and contract liability, and federal securities issues.

Before serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico from 2008 to 2013, John practiced at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York City. He also served as a law clerk for the Hon. Paul J. Kelly, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

John serves as the Administrative Partner for Holland & Hart's office in Santa Fe.

EXPERIENCE

False Claims Act

John defends clients against the risks of False Claims Act violations. He advises on violations in every phase of qui tam proceedings under FCA. He also advises clients in related matters including regulatory reviews, congressional investigations, class actions, debarment proceedings, and derivative suits.

CLIENT RESULTS

Lead defense counsel in federal court prosecution of foreign national charged with illegal export of defense articles from the United States.

Lead trial counsel in federal court prosecution relating to fraudulent

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scheme to place debt funding for start-up businesses in natural resources sector.

Lead counsel in federal court prosecution relating to the use of falsified financial statements used to secure line of credit from a financial institution.

Lead counsel in federal court prosecution of scheme to defraud investors in connection with investment in foreign real estate holdings.

Represented state government contractor in investigations by state agency related to allegations of malfeasance and deficient contract performance.

Represented multiple energy industry clients in putative class action litigations related to royalty payment calculation on natural gas leases.

Represented officer and employee of financial institution in investigation by DOJ, SEC and other government agencies.

Represented health care industry client in contract dispute related to calculation of payment for services.

Conducted internal investigation on behalf of financial services firm in connection with possible violations of federal securities laws.

Conducted review of compliance program on behalf of financial institution to determine effectiveness under Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Defended issuer in federal lawsuit involving allegations of securities fraud (reported decision at 600 F. Supp. 2d 510 [S.D.N.Y. 2009]).

Represented individual bank director in FDIC investigation, successfully persuading FDIC to drop investigation without pursuing any adverse findings.

PUBLICATIONS

"The Shumate Memo: Faster FCA Enforcement, Fewer DOJ Interventions," *Department of Justice Update*, June 25, 2026

"2 Paths, 2 Outcomes: DOJ's Inconsistent Corporate Self-Disclosure Policies," *Corporate Compliance Insights* , December 22, 2025

"America's bail system must require risk assessment for public safety," *The Hill*, September 24, 2025

"Key Compliance Takeaways for Companies from the DOJ's New Corporate Whistleblower Program," *Department of Justice Update*, August 20, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Foreign Corrupt Practices Act," *20th Annual Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property and Technology Law Institute*, Co-Presented with Seth DuCharme, Esq., Bracewell, and David Pitluck, Esq., Business &

Securities Fraud Section, US Attorney's Office, June 2, 2022

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2024-2027; Commercial Litigation, 2027
- *Chambers USA,* Litigation: General Commercial, 2026
- Internal Revenue Service, Certificate of Appreciation, 2013
- United States Secret Service, Certificate of Appreciation, 2013
- Federal Bureau of Investigations, Certification of Recognition, 2013
- Drug Enforcement Administration, Certificate of Appreciation, 2021

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Former United States Attorneys, Member
- Global and National Security Policy Institute, University of New Mexico, External Advisory Board, Member
- Criminal Justice Act Panel, United States District Court, District of New Mexico, Member 2015-2018
- Criminal Justice Act Committee, United States District Court, District of New Mexico, Member 2015-2018
- Criminal Justice Act Panel, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Member 2015-2018
- Board of Trustees for Rio Grande School, Member 2016-2018