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As a former federal prosecutor, J.D. Thomas knows how to respond to sensitive and non-routine criminal, civil, and regulatory matters, including government investigations and prosecutions, *qui tam* and False Claims Act defense and other enforcement actions. As a member of Waller's Government Investigations, Healthcare and Litigation groups, J.D. represents and advises companies and individuals in a broad array of criminal, civil, and regulatory matters. He regularly advises healthcare clients in matters involving the Department of Justice, Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG), state Medicaid Fraud Control Units and other civil and criminal law enforcement entities.

Prior to joining Waller, J.D. served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee. As an AUSA, J.D. investigated and prosecuted numerous actions brought under the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute and the Stark Law, among others. He served as the lead attorney for the United States in a number of notable cases, including the largest civil 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.

As a former federal prosecutor, J.D. has a unique understanding of what to expect when the government initiates an investigation, and how to respond in the most expeditious manner possible while helping clients minimize exposure, find closure, and get back to business.

While J.D. has significant experience in the healthcare industry, his background as a prosecutor makes him uniquely suited to advise clients in high-stakes matters that involve the potential of significant public exposure, reputational harm, or financial loss. To that end, J.D. regularly represents and counsels clients in a myriad of other industries, and has assisted accounting firms, law firms, and broker-dealers in professional liability and civil RICO actions, defended criminal and civil antitrust actions, assisted clients with unwinding and recovering assets lost to Ponzi schemes, and managed numerous other confidential and sensitive legal matters.

EXPERIENCE

- Represented a healthcare provider in connection with ongoing False Claims Act investigation

conducted by U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington regarding payment for genetic testing.

- Served as special healthcare, real estate and diligence counsel to Ventas, Inc.
- Represented witnesses deposed in response to a civil investigative demand (CID) relating to a False Claims Act investigation for a medical practice in South Alabama. The investigation was conducted by U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama.
- Represented management services company in connection with federal False Claims Act investigation of dental claims in the Western District of Kentucky.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2004
 - Editorial Board, Virginia Journal of Environmental Law
 - Editorial Board, Virginia Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law
 - Vice President, Student Bar Association
- B.A., Vassar College, Political Science, 1998

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, All Districts in Tennessee
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- All State Courts Tennessee
- All State Courts Virginia
- All Courts District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, of District of Columbia

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- Virginia
- District of Columbia

RECOGNITIONS

The Best Lawyers in America[®] (Woodward/White Inc.)

- Health Care Law (2018-2019)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Chair, Executive Committee, Tennessee Bar Association Health Law Section
- Board Member, American Constitution Society, Nashville Chapter

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member and Governance Committee Chair, Board of Directors, Neighborhood Health
- Hillsboro West-End Neighborhood Association Board