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John combines an investigator's instincts with a trial lawyer's viewpoint to offer strategic counsel to clients facing high-stakes challenges. Whether conducting sensitive and confidential investigations or adeptly litigating disputed claims, John maximizes his clients' ability to meet their objectives while minimizing potential liability or disruption to business operations.

Corporate boards and general counsel are among those who routinely turn to John for internal investigations when speed, discretion and accuracy are essential. Skilled at fact-finding and legal analysis, John's internal investigation experience combines witness interviews with a sophisticated understanding of forensic data gathering, database reviews, and document analysis to provide clients with comprehensive insight, detailed reports and strategic recommendations.

In the courtroom, John is a seasoned litigator who has won jury verdicts for clients in both state and federal courts. He has handled many government enforcement actions involving the False Claims Act, in addition to copyright and trademark litigation, civil disputes and other business litigation, and state and federal environmental regulatory matters.

Hospitals, health systems, home health agencies and other healthcare providers, in particular, rely on John for assistance with internal and government investigations, and he has successfully resolved False Claims Act allegations on behalf of clients with the Department of Justice.

Additionally, John has significant entertainment law experience that includes the representation of high-profile recording artists in copyright litigation, trademark disputes and other civil litigation. He has successfully obtained jury verdicts on behalf of entertainment clients and secured both declaratory judgment and monetary damages.

His experience also includes representing manufacturers, energy companies and other heavy industry clients in complex environmental litigation and enforcement actions brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

EXPERIENCE

- **HBCU fights death penalty sanction against its college of pharmacy**
Representing a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in litigation against a national accreditation agency that withdrew accreditation from the HBCU's school of pharmacy, one of only a handful in the United States that focuses on producing pharmacists of color.
- **DSO obtains injunctive relief against dentist for breach of employment agreement**
Represented a DSO in filing a lawsuit against a former employee for breach of employment agreement; obtained injunctive relief on behalf of the client.
- **Healthcare provider overturns Medicare overpayment determination, resolves revocation**
Fought CMS/Medicare on behalf of a healthcare provider to overturn and reduce the provider's calculated repayment by more than 90 percent and to resolve CMS' revocation and preclusion determination.
- **Hemp business owner obtains injunctive relief and damages in bitter partnership dispute**
Litigated a partnership dispute in the hemp industry in both state and federal court, obtaining both injunctive relief and damages.
- **Medical device manufacturer resolves dispute over device development and supply agreement**
Helped resolve a dispute between a medical device manufacturer and its client regarding development of an advanced cardiac device, which included development, supply and intellectual property implications.
- **Large healthcare network undergoes internal investigation**
Conducted an internal investigation of a large healthcare network which led to significant internal restructuring and personnel changes.
- **Record label sued by a former artist for copyright and other violations**
Represented a record label who was sued by a former artist in a lawsuit regarding breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, copyright violations and other violations. Waller litigated the case over the course of more than a year and was able to conclude the matter favorably for the client.
- **Publicly traded Fortune 1000 company undergoes internal investigation**
Conducted an internal investigation for a publicly traded company to possible kickback and federal regulatory violations in context of highly complex data and financial systems.
- **Hit pop song accused of copyright infringement**
Acted as lead counsel for major songwriters and music publishers in defense of music copyright case accusing a No. 1 pop song of infringement.
- **Medical supply company prevails in asset purchase dispute**
Represented a medical supply company in a dispute involving an asset purchase agreement and sizeable earn-out provision. Obtained an extremely favorable resolution through aggressive pre-litigation advocacy, without the costs of filing suit.

- **Financial institution resolves consumer protection, deceptive advertising allegations**
Defended a financial institution against allegations of consumer protection and deceptive advertising, which included conducting an investigation and litigating at both the trial court and appellate levels. The matter concluded on favorable terms.
- **Psychiatric services organization battles high stakes psychiatric malpractice case**
Defended a psychiatric services organization in a psychiatric malpractice case in which a patient blamed his psychotic break, which resulted in the murder of his father, on mismanagement of his medication. The case settled after reaching confidential terms.
- **Energy and mining companies rely on Waller as common counsel in federal Superfund case**
Serve as common counsel to a group of high-profile industrial companies identified as potentially responsible parties in connection with a federal Superfund site.
- **Multinational energy company involved in an Underground Storage Tank investigation in Tennessee**
Served as co-counsel to a multinational energy company during a UST investigation by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Tennessee Attorney General's Office. The work included negotiations and discussions with the Attorney General's office and TDEC regarding CID, production of documents, and substantive allegations, including extensive legal analysis.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School
 - Articles Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
 - Stanley D. Rose Memorial Book Award for *Offender Fees: Revenue, Impact on Offenders, and Behavioral Incentives*
 - Myron Penn Laughlin Note Award
- Master of Public Policy, Vanderbilt University Peabody College, Education
- B.A., Duke University, Political Science and English
 - Graduation with Distinction

COURT ADMISSIONS

- All State and Federal Courts Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Nashville, Tennessee, and American Bar Associations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Founder, President, Board of Directors, Nashville Community Darkroom, 2013 - present
- Founding Member, Teach for America Nashville Rising Leaders Board, 2014 - present
- Secretary and Board of Directors, Communities in Schools - Tennessee, 2014 - 2021
- Attorney Volunteer, Magdalene House/Thistle Farms, 2011 - 2015
- Community Representative, East Nashville Advisory Committee, 2014 - 2015
- Mock Trial Coach, Beech High School, Hendersonville, Tenn., 2007 - 2011