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Amanda serves as a Team Leader for the Litigation Department and focuses her practice on government investigations and complex litigation. She has served as Lead Chair in over 30 jury trials.

PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- White Collar, Compliance and Government Investigations
- Commercial Litigation
- Data Security and Privacy
- Catastrophic Events and Major Claims
- Tax Controversy
- Pharmaceutical, Medical Device & Healthcare Industry Team

EXPERIENCE

- Regularly conducts internal investigations for companies and medical institutions and provides advice on reporting obligations and representation throughout all phases of government investigations.
- Represented health care provider under investigation by DOJ and HHS accused of health care fraud following the filing of a False Claims Action successfully negating all criminal allegations against the provider and individual employees involving alleged fraudulent billing of services and negotiated reduced settlement of false claims action.
- Represented health care clinics in defense of an investigation by DOJ following the filing of a False Claims Action against the clinics resulting in no criminal charges being brought and a reduced settlement of the False Claims Action.
- Represented major sports clinic being investigated by the DEA and DOJ for alleged violations of the Controlled Substance Act in prescription writing and dispensing practices. Successfully negated threats of criminal charges against the clinic and individual doctors and negotiated civil penalties for technical violations of prescription writing practices.
- Represented officer of a domestic company accused of harboring and employing illegal aliens which resulted in a misdemeanor plea and counseled the company through its compliance with the terms of a deferred prosecution agreement requiring changes in company policy and regular communication with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

- Defended a large national contractor in a False Claims Act case resulting in a dismissal of the suit.
- Serves as discovery counsel for a national insurance company involved in mass litigation following several catastrophic weather events.
- Conducted dozens of criminal investigations involving the collection of data and physical evidence, locating and interviewing witnesses and drafting of search warrants during her tenure as a prosecutor.
- Conducted an internal investigation of a large domestic company involving thousands of pages of documents and hundreds of witnesses and presented the results to the United States Attorney's Office and the Department of Justice resulting in no charges or penalties and a Declination of Intervention by the United States in a Pending False Claims Act case.
- Defended a franchisee of a large domestic company accused in a criminal complaint and related civil case resulting in dismissal of the criminal case and reduced civil settlement.
- Represented a former partner of a large international accounting firm indicted for committing billions of dollars in tax fraud resulting in a sentence significantly below the federal sentencing guideline range.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Alabama, 2002
- Mississippi, 1998
- Texas, 1997
- U.S. District Courts
 - Mississippi: Northern, Southern
- U.S. Court of Appeals
 - 5th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

DISTINCTIONS

- *Martindale-Hubbell*[®]
 - AV[®]-Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated, 2012-2017
- *Best Lawyers in America*[®]
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2015-2021
 - Lawyer of the Year, Criminal Defense: White Collar (Jackson, Miss.), 2020
- Super Lawyers[®]
 - Mid-South Rising Stars, 2011-2012
- Assistant District Attorney, Harris County, Texas District Attorney's Office, 1998-2002
- Deputy District Attorney, Jefferson County, Alabama, Birmingham Division, District Attorney's Office, 2002-2004
- Charles Clark American Inn of Court

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Capital Area Bar Association

EDUCATION & HONORS

- George Washington University, J.D., 1997
- Louisiana State University, B.A., History, *cum laude*, 1994
 - Phi Beta Kappa
- Clerkship, Chief Judge Loren A. Smith, U.S. Court of Federal Claims

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Health Care Strike Force: Uncovering Fraud in the Healthcare Industry," *Pro Te: Solutio*, Vol. 7 No. 1, 21-27, March 2014.
- Author, "Honest Services' Criminal Claim Dealt Setback in Appeals Court," Washington Legal Foundation, Counsel's Advisory, Vol. 14, No. 10, November 3, 2006.
- Author, "You Can Beat the Crime, But You Can't Beat the Ride: What Corporations Need to Know Before an Investigation," Washington Legal Foundation, Contemporary Legal Notes Series, Number 48, October 2005.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Jackson Futbol Club
 - Board Member
- Mississippi Rush Soccer
 - Team Treasurer
 - Team Manager
- St. Richard's Catholic Church
 - Member