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Overview

John W. Black is a partner in LashGoldberg's Miami office. John is a former federal prosecutor and a seasoned commercial litigator whose practice focuses on the financial and healthcare sectors, government investigations, and False Claims Act cases.

Prior to joining LashGoldberg, John served for more than five years as a Trial Attorney in the Fraud Section of the Washington, D.C. office of the U.S. Department of Justice. During his tenure as a federal prosecutor, John led numerous investigations under the False Claims Act, FIRREA, the Stark Law, and the Anti-Kickback Statute. His trial victories and work at DOJ led to recoveries totaling over \$4 billion, and he was responsible for several of the largest DOJ settlements during the past decade.

Prior to his government service, John practiced with two large international law firms in Washington, D.C., representing Fortune 100 clients in high stakes class actions, arbitrations, and government investigations. He has represented corporate clients before the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and various state regulatory agencies.

Principal Practice Areas:

- Government Investigations, False Claims Act and White Collar Criminal Defense
- Internal Investigations
- Complex Business Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Appellate Advocacy

Education:

- University of Florida, Levin College of Law – *cum laude*
 - Journal of Law & Public Policy
 - Journal of Technology Law & Policy
- Cornell University

Admissions:

- District of Columbia
- Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Honors:

- US Department of Justice
 - Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Civil Division: Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Fraud Investigation Team (2020)
- US Counsel of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence
 - FHA Mortgage Fraud Investigation Team (2020)
- US Department of Justice
 - Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Civil Division: FHA Mortgage Fraud Investigation (2017)
- US Counsel of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence
 - Mortgage Fraud Investigation (2017)

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Government Service

- Secured over *\$3.5 billion* in FIRREA settlements against mortgage originators and securities underwriters for fraud in the residential mortgage-backed securities market;
- Successfully litigated False Claims Act cases related to FHA loan fraud, resulting in over *\$1.5 billion* in recoveries to the United States;

- Recovered *\$29 million* in a False Claims Act settlement related to a Department of Energy loan program;
- Resolved an investigation against a leading defense contractor which resulted in a *\$19 million* False Claims Act settlement;
- Co-lead counsel in high profile fraud litigation against a for-profit college accused of violating the Department of Education's incentive compensation ban; and
- Led investigations into Medicare fraud and Medicaid fraud, including investigations under the Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Statute.

Private Practice

- Conducted internal investigations into large publicly traded health insurance companies;
- Represented FinTech companies in investigations by state and federal regulators;
- Counseled lending companies on various compliance issues; and
- Represented Fortune 100 companies in nationwide class action cases.