

# Ryan J. Meyer

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## Practices

FOCUS: Litigation

Health Care Litigation, Reimbursement and Regulation

Securities Litigation

White Collar and Internal Investigations

## Industries

Health Care

Health Care Regulatory and Compliance

Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences

## Education

JD, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, *with honors*

BA, Southern Methodist University, *magna cum laude*

BBA, Southern Methodist University, *magna cum laude*

## Bar Admissions

Texas

## Community Involvements

Prism Health North Texas, Board Member; Chair, Governance Committee

American Bar Association, White Collar Crime Committee

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Dallas Bar Association

Ryan Meyer defends companies and executives in government investigations, civil enforcement actions and criminal proceedings typically involving allegations of securities fraud and health care fraud. During the most stressful moments of their careers, Ryan helps companies and executives fight back when the entire apparatus of the government is bearing down on them.

## Reputations and relationships can make all the difference in litigation with the government

Ryan works with middle market companies and executives accused of Medicare and Medicaid fraud, bribery, kickback and corruption, as well as *qui tam* suits alleging violations of federal and state civil false claims acts.

Committed to being proactive on behalf of his clients, Ryan dives deep on his client's cases, often avoiding indictment altogether while minimizing financial and reputational disruption.

Ryan has defended clients before a wide variety of federal and state agencies, including the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the US Department of Health and Human Services—Office of Inspector General, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, among others. Ryan has developed a special proficiency in most areas of health care over the last several years because of the numerous cases he and his group have handled. As a result, Ryan is able to advise clients on suspicious or suspect patterns of behavior by employees and/or contractors, or on patterns that will appear suspicious or suspect to the government or commercial payers.

Prior to joining Katten, Ryan served as a law clerk for Chief Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa of the Southern District of Texas and as an associate at a large Texas law firm.

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## Representative Experience

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- Defended pain physician in nationwide investigation and prosecution of physicians who had participated in Insys' "Speaker's Program" to promote their opioid, Subsys. Through a proactive and aggressive defense, convinced the Department of Justice to transition the physician from a designated target to a designated witness within five months.
- Defend one of the largest physician practice groups along the Texas-Mexico border in a US House of Representatives investigation into alleged COVID-19 price-gouging.
- Defend multi-national's CFO in grand jury investigation into alleged bank fraud.
- Defend multiple durable medical equipment and specialty pharmacy owners in Operation Brace Yourself, the Department of Justice's nationwide prosecution of two dozen defendants allegedly responsible for over \$1.2 billion in Medicare fraud.
- Defend union officer in a Department of Labor and US Attorney's Office investigation into potential public corruption through the closure of the investigation with no action taken by the government.
- Defend multiple specialty laboratory owners in Operation Double Helix, the Department of Justice's nationwide prosecution of nearly three dozen defendants allegedly responsible for over \$2.1 billion in Medicare fraud.
- Defend co-founder and chief executive of oil and gas-focused alternative asset fund in SEC investigation into alleged offering and accounting fraud.
- Defend pharmacist owners of specialty pharmacies in multi-year grand jury investigations into alleged Tricare and private insurance fraud related to compound pharmaceuticals.
- Defend multibillion-dollar multi-national conglomerate in sprawling SEC investigation into alleged fraudulent misrepresentations in securities offerings and violations of the Investment Advisors Act by an affiliate.

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- Defend high-profile owner and executive in complex multibillion-dollar financial misconduct investigation by the Department of Justice.
- Represent multiple clients in criminal forfeiture actions against the US Attorney's Office to successfully recover funds improperly seized by the United States.
- Represent multiple owners of specialty pharmacies in grand jury investigations into alleged compound pharmacy fraud with respect to both government and private payors.
- Defend multiple physician groups from False Claims Act investigations into alleged overbilling of pain treatments (US District Court for the Western District of Texas), laboratory services (US District Court for the Northern District of Texas) and implantable neurostimulators (US District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas).
- Defend multiple health care practitioners, including hospitals, dental practices and ancillary providers, in Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Inspector General investigations.
- Defended physician-owned medical practice in a criminal investigation involving allegations of health care fraud, tax fraud, and wire and mail fraud. Through an aggressive defense, the government took no action against the individual physician owners.\*
- Defended provider-owned dental practice in a *qui tam* Federal False Claims Act whistleblower lawsuit and parallel federal criminal and civil investigations.\*
- Represented publicly traded real estate investment fund in an SEC investigation and a parallel DOJ criminal investigation. Secured a no-admit, no-deny settlement with the SEC with no payment of disgorgement or penalties by the fund.\*
- Defended multiple individuals and companies against various SEC accounting and asset valuation investigations.\*

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- Defended numerous companies and individuals in federal and state whistleblower lawsuits and resulting civil and criminal investigations conducted by HHS-OIG, the FBI, the FDA, US Attorneys' Offices, and state Medicaid officials.\*
- Assisted in internal investigation of a large insurance-benefits manager to determine the source and scope of a potential data breach. Also advised on implementation of remedial measures.\*

\*Experience prior to Katten

## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
    - Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2021–2022
- Super Lawyers Rising Stars
  - Texas, 2020–2021

## News

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- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (August 10, 2021)
- Katten Promotes 16 Attorneys to Partner (July 7, 2021)
- Katten Corporate, Litigation and Tax Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers 2021 Texas Rising Stars List (March 26, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2020 Texas Super Lawyers List (October 19, 2020)

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- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- Katten Partners with ACLU in Defending Constitutional Rights of Prisoners Incarcerated at Louisiana Prison Impacted by Coronavirus Outbreak (April 7, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 6, 2020)

## Publications

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- Do's and Don'ts All Counsel Should Know About Government Investigations (Winter 2016/2017)

## Presentations and Events

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- Texas Health Law Conference (October 7–9, 2018) | *Participant* | *The Largest Healthcare Enforcement Action in U.S. History: Why it Happened and How to Avoid Being a Part of the Next One*
- Association of Corporate Counsel Annual In-House Symposium (April 27, 2018) | *Presenter* | *Anti-Corruption Training and Compliance*