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Practices

FOCUS: Litigation

Health Care Litigation, Reimbursement and Regulation

Insurance and Health Care Fraud Litigation

White Collar and Internal Investigations

Industries

Insurance and Risk Management

Education

JD, The University of Toledo College of Law, *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

BA, The Ohio State University

Bar Admissions

Illinois

District of Columbia

New York

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Trial Bar

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Ross Silverman represents some of the nation's top insurance companies in reducing their exposure to, and recovering money paid as a result of, fraudulent insurance claims, with a particular focus on health care fraud. He is one of more than a dozen former federal prosecutors in the firm's white-collar defense practice and leads Katten's insurance and health care fraud litigation group.

Experienced in RICO and health care fraud

For the past 25 years, Ross has successfully litigated RICO, fraud and *qui tam* actions involving insurance claims, with a particular focus on health care fraud in jurisdictions across the country. He also counsels insurers on claims-handling best practices and litigation strategies designed to reduce their exposure to fraud.

Ross was appointed by the US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois to serve as the examiner for two bankruptcy matters, one involving United Airlines and the other involving an international distributor of ionized bracelets.

Before joining the firm, he was a trial attorney for the criminal section of the tax division at the US Department of Justice and served as an assistant US attorney in Chicago.

Representative Experience

- Represent property and casualty insurer in fraud and RICO action in New York against compounding pharmacy, its owners and prescribing physician for medically unnecessary topical compound creams prescribed pursuant to illegal kickbacks.

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- Represent property and casualty insurer in fraud action in US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania against chiropractors and clinics. Alleges services were medically unnecessary or not performed.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in fraud and RICO action in New York against compounding pharmacy, its owners, prescribing physicians and a series of shell companies for medically unnecessary topical compound creams prescribed pursuant to unlawful kickbacks.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in *qui tam* action under the California Insurance Frauds Prevention Act against chiropractors and imaging providers. Alleges false claims for x-rays and MRIs performed pursuant to unlawful kickbacks.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in *qui tam* action under the California Insurance Frauds Prevention Act against physician, surgery center and biller. Involves pain management injections and evaluation and management services that were medically unnecessary or not performed, and the use of unbundling and upcoding of billing codes to inflate charges.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in *qui tam* action under the California Insurance Frauds Prevention Act against imaging provider, officers and owners involving billing for services not rendered.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in fraud action in Maryland against clinics, chiropractors, physicians and others. Alleges services were medically unnecessary or not performed.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in *qui tam* action under the Illinois Insurance Claims Frauds Prevention Act against physicians, chiropractors, clinics, surgery centers and owners. Alleges medically unnecessary pain management injections and electrodiagnostic testing.
- Represent health insurer in fraud action in Florida alleging ambulatory surgery centers and others fraudulently billed professional and facility fees for manipulations under anesthesia because centers were engaged in patient brokering, kickbacks for patient referrals and the use of improper billing codes.

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- Represent health insurer in arbitration, alleging a New Jersey ambulatory surgery center and others fraudulently billed professional and facility fees for manipulations under anesthesia because the center was not exempt from state licensure requirements and was paying unlawful kickbacks for patient referrals.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in RICO and fraud action in Oregon against chiropractors, acupuncturist, clinics and others. Alleges services were medically unnecessary or not performed.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in RICO and fraud action in Michigan against a physician and professional corporations. Alleges billing for electrodiagnostic tests that were medically unnecessary or not performed.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in RICO and fraud action in Michigan against physician and professional corporation. Alleges medically unnecessary pain management injections and upcoding and unbundling of billing codes to inflate charges.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in fraud action in Florida against clinics and referral service. Alleges clinics violated self-referral, kickback and patient brokering laws.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in RICO and fraud action in Florida against physicians, ambulatory surgery center and others. Alleges the physicians billed for medically unnecessary discography and percutaneous disc decompression procedures, and used false billing codes to inflate the charges for their services.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in fraud and RICO action in New York against compounding pharmacy, its owners and prescribing physician for medically unnecessary topical compound creams prescribed pursuant to unlawful kickbacks.
- Represent worker's compensation insurer in RICO and fraud action in Texas against physician and compounding pharmacy. Alleges billing for medically unnecessary pain management injections and topical compounds pursuant to unlawful kickbacks.

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- Represent property and casualty insurer in *qui tam* action under the California Insurance Frauds Prevention Act against physician and related entity. Alleges billing for evaluation and management services that were either not performed or not medically necessary, and upcoding of the billing codes to inflate charges.
- Represent health insurer in fraud and RICO action in Texas. Alleges layperson-owned entities in Texas fraudulently billed for facility fees, entered into unlawful kickback arrangements for patient referrals and used false billing codes.
- Represent property and casualty insurer in fraud action in Minnesota against chiropractor and his clinics. Alleges unlawful kickbacks and services that either were not performed or not medically necessary.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
- *Benchmark Litigation*
 - Litigation Star, 2008–2018, 2022
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Commercial Litigation, 2021–2023
- *BTI Client Service All-Stars*
 - 2020
- *Lawdragon*
 - 500 finalist, 2010
- *Super Lawyers*
 - Illinois, 2006–2022
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2018, 2020

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News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 28, 2022)
- Katten Adds Seasoned Litigator as Partner in Dallas (October 14, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Ross Silverman Discusses Some of the Biggest Illinois Court Decisions in 2020 with *Law360* (December 24, 2020)
- Katten Partners Praised for Outstanding Client Service (December 10, 2020)
- 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 Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide (June 16, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2020)
- Super Lawyers Lists Honor More Than 50 Katten Attorneys in Illinois (January 24, 2019)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Illinois *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (January 13, 2017)
- Forty-Seven Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 8, 2016)

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- Fifty-Three Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2015 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 12, 2015)
- Fifty-Four Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2014 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 13, 2014)
- Sixty-Nine Katten Attorneys Included on 2013 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 4, 2013)
- *Benchmark Litigation* 2013 Recognizes Three Katten Litigators (December 3, 2012)
- Eighty-Six Katten Attorneys Named 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers (February 28, 2012)
- Five Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* (October 2010)
- 12 Katten Partners Named Among Nation's Leading Lawyers by Lawdragon (May 19, 2010)
- Six Katten Partners Recognized as Leading Litigators by *Benchmark* (October 7, 2009)
- Six Katten Partners Recognized as Leading Litigators by *Benchmark* (September 17, 2009)
- Four Katten Partners Recognized as Leading Litigators by *Benchmark* (December 12, 2008)
- Five Katten Partners Recognized as Leading Litigators by *Benchmark Litigation* (August 20, 2008)
- 13 Katten Partners Named Finalists for Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America (September 27, 2007)

Publications

- Ross Silverman Speaks on Private Prosecution of Insurance Fraudsters (December 10, 2019)
- Inside the Minds: Strategies for Criminal Tax Cases (2011)

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Presentations and Events

- 2022 Midyear Meeting (June 6–7, 2022) | *Presenter | Legal Affairs Committee Report*
- 2021 Global Insurance Fraud Summit (November 15–16, 2021)
- Coalition Against Insurance Fraud Annual Meeting (December 17, 2019) | *Speaker | The Power Of Qui Tam Laws Targeting False Claims To Private Payors*
- Global Insurance Fraud Summit 2019 (October 30, 2019) | *Speaker | Trends In Global Insurance Fraud*
- The Bees v. The Hives, The Importance of Identifying, Preventing and Deterring Organized Insurance Fraud Schemes (October 30, 2019) | *Speaker*
- IASIU Annual Conference 2019 (September 10, 2019) | *Speaker | Pain Management: What A Pain*
- Insurance Coverage and Claims Conference, DRI (April 1, 2013) | *Detecting and Defeating Organized Fraud Rings*