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PROFILE

Mr. Cowden is a former Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C., where he served as Chief of Asset Forfeiture/Money Laundering. He is also a former Senior Trial Attorney with the United States Department of Justice. He is a leading expert on Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering. He has taught prosecutors and agents about these complex legal principles and other trial advocacy skills at both the Justice Department's National Advocacy Center, at seminars across the country, and as a representative of the United States at international forums.

Mr. Cowden has handled hundreds of cases involving healthcare fraud, bank, wire and securities frauds, money laundering, Internet crime, narcotics trafficking, national security, and the defense of civil claims asserted against the United States – through verdicts and successful appeal.

In private practice at some of the country's largest law firms, Mr. Cowden engaged in healthcare litigation. He has defended civil, criminal and administrative claims brought against healthcare providers, payer organizations, product suppliers, pharmaceutical manufacturers and executives: in administrative proceedings, in criminal and civil investigations, and in business-to-business litigation. His healthcare expertise spans the arena of fraud and abuse, including the complex Medicare and Medicaid laws and regulations, Anti-Kickback and Stark statutes, federal and state False Claims

Acts, EMTALA and HIPAA claims, officer and director fiduciary obligations, facility decertifications and delicensures, regulatory enforcement actions, and reimbursement disallowances.

Mr. Cowden's litigation practice also focuses on criminal defense and representation of those who are victims of wrongful death or serious personal injury, those who have suffered violations of their civil rights; victims of fraud, defense of alleged false claims, as well as other complex civil and appellate litigation in state and federal courts. He also advises on general business matters, including commercial contracting and risk management.

Mr. Cowden graduated *cum laude* from the Notre Dame Law School, where he was an Associate Editor and member of the *Notre Dame Law Review*. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable James L. Ryan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Mr. Cowden has litigated cases across the country; he has been admitted to practice before the D.C. Court of Appeals, before the District of Columbia, Fourth, Sixth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits, and numerous federal district courts.

CREDENTIALS

- J.D. *cum laude*, Notre Dame Law School
- B.A., University of Michigan

INSIGHTS

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