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Jonathan DeSantis is a relentless advocate for whistleblowers, representing individuals in complex *qui tam* lawsuits under the federal False Claims Act and similar state statutes. With a career defined by taking on corporate giants, Jon has successfully represented whistleblowers in landmark cases across the country. Jon has been instrumental in securing some of the largest and most consequential qui tam settlements and verdicts in recent history. His efforts, alongside the full whistleblower team at Walden Haran Williams, have collectively returned billions of dollars to the federal government and various state treasuries.

Jon possesses extensive experience in all facets of *qui tam* litigation. He is skilled at investigating potential cases, working collaboratively with the government during its investigations, and actively litigating cases against some of the country's largest corporations when the government declines to intervene. While Jon has represented whistleblowers in a wide variety of cases, he has a particular focus on complex healthcare fraud against Medicare, Medicaid, and other government-sponsored healthcare programs. Jon is one of the rare attorneys who has gone to trial and won in a False Claims Act case.

After graduating from law school, Jon clerked for a federal district judge in Tampa, Florida. Prior to his work at Walden Haran Williams, Jon honed his skills at a large commercial litigation firm in Tampa and a prominent plaintiffs' firm in Philadelphia. Jon has also authored or co-authored two articles in law reviews, including an article addressing the scope of the False Claims Act's "public disclosure bar."

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, J.D. (2013); magna cum laude
Temple University, B.A. (2010)

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Susan C. Bucklew, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court
Second Circuit Court of Appeals
Third Circuit Court of Appeals
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Middle, Southern, and Northern Districts of Florida
Pennsylvania
Florida

Experience

Secured $220 million jury verdict against Eli Lilly in a False Claims Act case involving allegations that the pharmaceutical company manipulated Medicaid Drug Rebate Program calculations. Served as a key member of the trial team in the government-declined case. The Seventh Circuit unanimously affirmed the verdict, and the U.S. Supreme Court denied Eli Lilly's petition for certiorari.

Secured $75 million settlement with Bristol Myers Squibb in a False Claims Act case involving allegations of Medicaid price manipulation across multiple states.

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Secured $47.1 million settlement with ChristianaCare, believed to be the largest False Claims Act settlement in Delaware history. The case involved allegations that the hospital provided free services to private physicians in exchange for patient referrals.

Secured $18 million settlement with Astellas in a False Claims Act case involving allegations that the pharmaceutical company improperly treated distribution service fees as discounts to reduce its Medicaid rebate obligations.

Secured $36 million settlement with H&M L.P. and a $4.375 million settlement with Card Compliant LLC in False Claims Act litigation involving allegations that the companies failed to remit unused gift card funds to New York State. The matters are believed to be among the largest successful False Claims Act escheat cases in history.

Secured 16 False Claims Act settlements totaling $17.7 million in complex litigation involving allegations that cardiology practices overbilled federal healthcare programs for radiopharmaceutical products.

Secured $2.4 million settlement in a False Claims Act case involving allegations that a New Jersey medical practice improperly billed Medicare for pathology analyses without the required documentation in patients' medical records.

Recognitions

Legal Lions, Law360 (2026)

Unsung Hero Award, The Legal Intelligencer (2023)

Litigator of the Week, Law.com (2022)