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OVERVIEW

Lawrence is an experienced trial attorney who represents corporate and individual clients in a range of government enforcement actions, internal investigations, and litigation. He has advised clients across major industry sectors, including health care, energy, financial services, and professional services, facing inquiries by the DOJ, SEC, and various state regulators. Lawrence is a sought-after trial attorney, with significant experience trying cases to verdict in federal and state courts. His experience serving in leadership roles in both federal law enforcement and in private practice is a benefit to clients who seek practical advice and efficient resolutions.

Lawrence most recently served as acting U.S. attorney and first assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, where he led an office of approximately 100 federal prosecutors and staff, overseeing nearly all federal criminal and civil cases involving the U.S. filed in the district. In these leadership roles, Lawrence oversaw a broad range of criminal and civil investigations and prosecutions involving securities fraud, financial reporting and other financial fraud, bribery, Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering violations, and False Claims Act matters. He also managed an active criminal and civil caseload, including matters involving public corruption, fraud, and violations of the False Claims Act related to health care and government contracting.

Previously, Lawrence was a partner at another major law firm, where he defended clients in government actions, internal investigations, civil litigation, regulatory enforcement, and white collar criminal defense matters. Lawrence's early career included serving as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, where he led complex investigations and prosecutions involving money laundering, and health care fraud. He also served as assistant district attorney in Wake County, North Carolina, where he prosecuted cases ranging from drunk driving to homicide.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

White Collar Defense

- Defended an immigration attorney against fraud and false statement charges brought by U.S. Attorney's Office.
- Represented a former in-house counsel and accounting executive of a publicly traded company as witnesses in parallel civil and criminal investigations by SEC and DOJ into accounting fraud related to revenue recognition.
- Represented a medical practice in connection with inquiries by state medical board and the Drug Enforcement Administration related to the handling of controlled substances.

- Assisted a major technology company in moving to quash allegedly defective search warrant for customer information.

Investigations

- Conducted internal investigation for a financial institution arising from an executive's arrest on federal bank bribery charges.
- Conducted internal investigation for a federal defense contractor regarding allegations of whistleblower retaliation.
- Conducted internal investigation for a large public health organization to determine compliance with corporate integrity agreement.
- Conducted internal investigation for a financial institution related to whistleblower complaint regarding internal controls involving Anti-Money Laundering safeguards.
- Represented a financial institution in Congressional inquiry regarding compliance with provisions of the CARES Act.

Litigation and Regulatory Matters

- Defended a company in a state ethics board investigation regarding financial payments to public employees.
- Defended partners and associates of a "Big Four" accounting firm against allegations of wrongdoing by state licensing board.
- Represented a large energy company in a plaintiff-side civil lawsuit in federal court against a contractor and subcontractor alleging fraud, negligence, and breach of contract in connection with construction project.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Anti-Money Laundering
- Business Litigation
- False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board member, Mecklenburg County Bar Foundation, 2023-present
- Member, Merit Selection Panel for appointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of North Carolina, 2022
- Member, Tenth Judicial District Bar Association, Grievance Committee, 2020-2022
- Member, Eastern District of North Carolina, Local Criminal Rules Committee, 2020-2022
- Member, Triangle Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity Alliance – Criminal Justice Working Group, 2021-2022
- President, Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter, 2021
- Member, UNC School of Law, Alumni Engagement Committee, 2018-2020

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2010, Gressman-Pollitt Award for Outstanding Oral

Advocacy; member of the Civil Rights Appellate Advocacy moot court team; member, Black Law Students Association Regional Mock Trial Competition (semifinalist, 2008; coach, 2009) and Community Service chair

- Hampton University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2007, presidential scholar; treasurer, Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law Fraternity, international

BAR ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Fraud Frontlines – Legal Risk, Enforcement Trends, and Defensible Controls," Mortgage Bankers Association Legal Issues and Regulatory Compliance Conference, May 6, 2026.
- Speaker, "Navigating Enforcement Crises: What Counsel Need to Know," Mecklenburg Bar Association, January 14, 2026.
- Speaker, "Behind the Badge – Fraud Trends from Law Enforcement," Mortgage Bankers Association's Compliance and Risk Management Conference, September 29, 2025.
- Speaker, "Crossing the Line: Legal Insights Into Customs Fraud and Tariff Evasion," ACC Charlotte Chapter, August 6, 2025.
- Speaker, "Legal Developments in National Security, Trade and Technology under President Trump," State Bar of Georgia, May 8, 2025.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Despite Changing Priorities, DOJ's Money Laundering, Narcotics, and Forfeiture Section Enforces AML Requirements Against Cryptocurrency Marketplace," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 2, 2026.
- Co-author, "Mortgage Fraud: Emerging Trends and Best Practices for Prevention," *The Review of Banking & Financial Services*, February 2026.
- Co-author, "Tariff Evasion Enforcement Heats Up: DOJ's Latest Action," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, November 20, 2025.
- Co-author, "Diddy Sentencing Tests Acquitted Conduct Guidelines Amendment," *Bloomberg Law*, November 12, 2025.
- Co-author, "Employers Beware: Prepare Now for Immigration-Focused Civil and Criminal Enforcement Priorities," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, October 14, 2025.
- Co-author, "DOJ and DHS Launch Cross-Agency Trade Fraud Task Force," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, September 3, 2025.
- Co-author, "DOJ Ramps Up Enforcement Efforts Targeting Tariff Evasion and Trade Fraud," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, July 16, 2025.
- Co-author, "DOJ's Criminal Division Announces Updates to White-Collar Enforcement and Corporate Policies," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 15, 2025.
- Co-author, "DOJ Will Use Compulsory Legal Process to Compel Production of Information From News Media Following Recent Update to Policy," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 2, 2025.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "[FCA Bar Eager to Scrutinize 11th Circ. Qui Tam Debate](#)," *Law360 Healthcare Authority*, December 10, 2025.
- Quoted, "[Federal Law Enforcement on What the Industry Needs to Know About Fraud Trends](#)," *MBA NewsLink*, October 1, 2025.