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OVERVIEW

Zach is an associate in the firm's White Collar + Government Investigations practice. He focuses his practice on corporate and individual clients facing investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice, conducts complex internal investigations, and provides clients with compliance and regulatory guidance.

Zach also maintains an active practice representing corporate clients accused of fraud, including violations of the False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute. He is involved in all aspects of related litigation, including motion practice, preparing witnesses for depositions and trial testimony, and crafting trial strategy.

Zach graduated *cum laude* from Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, where he was a student works editor of the *Villanova Law Review*.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represents government contractors in parallel False Claims Act and criminal investigations.
- Represented a health care industry company in False Claims Act investigation and related civil litigation, and secured favorable resolutions in both matters.
- Conducted multiple internal investigations into allegations of misconduct in Division I NCAA athletic programs.
- Represented an individual client at sentencing of securities and wire fraud convictions and secured non-custodial sentence.
- Represented a pharmaceutical industry client in False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute litigation.
- Conducted internal investigations for higher education clients related to alleged student and employee misconduct.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*: Corporate Governance and Compliance Law (2026), Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2024-2026)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- [False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions](#)
- [White Collar Litigation + Investigations](#)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2021, student works editor, *Villanova Law Review*
- The George Washington University, B.A., 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[From Locker Room to Sportsbook: Lessons for Colleges From the Smith Point Shaving Indictment](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, January 21, 2026.
- Co-author, "[Pitching Scandal Presents Challenges for Prosecution, Defense](#)," *Bloomberg Law*, December 22, 2025.
- Co-author, "[SDNY Ramps Up Pressure on Companies to Voluntarily Disclose Wrongdoing](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, February 28, 2024.
- Co-author, "[Recent Fraud Settlements: DOJ Values Voluntary Self-Disclosure and Corporate Cooperation](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, February 6, 2024.
- Co-author, "[Tag-Team Approach to Tackling Fraud](#)," *Pennsylvania CPA Journal*, Winter 2024.
- Co-author, "[Recent Cases Demonstrate DOJ Strategy of Deferred Prosecution Agreements Alongside False Claims Act Suits](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, February 27, 2023.
- Co-author, "SEC Proposed Form PF Amendments Kick Off SEC Chair Gensler's Push for Increased Transparency for Private Funds," *The Investment Lawyer*, May 2022.
- Co-author, "[Biden Signs Executive Order on Cryptocurrency](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, March 10, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SEC's New Enforcement Priorities Likely to Affect Settlement Requirements, Crowdfunding Regulation](#)," *The Investment Lawyer*, January 2022.
- Co-author, "[SEC Proposed Form PF Amendments Kick Off SEC Chair Gensler's Push for Increased Transparency for Private Funds](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, January 26, 2022.
- Co-author, "[SEC Outlines Division of Examinations Priorities at Annual 'SEC Speaks' Forum](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, October 29, 2021.
- Co-author, "[SEC Signals Shift Away From 'Neither Admit Nor Deny' Approach to Settling Enforcement Actions](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, October 21, 2021.
- Co-author, "[On the Straight and Narrowly Tailored: The Third Circuit Walks a Fine Line Between the Judiciary and Politics in *Adams v. Governor of Delaware*](#)," *Villanova Law Review*, Vol. 65, Iss. 4, 2020.