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Matt Westbrook is a senior counsel in the Corporate Department and a member of the Health Care Group. His practice focuses on providing regulatory compliance advice for the Firm's health care clients, including service providers, health plans, operators, investors, and lenders, among others. Matt specifically provides advice on fraud and abuse matters arising under the Federal False Claims Act (FCA), Civil Monetary Penalties Law, Federal Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS), and Physician Self-Referral Law (Stark Law), as well as on the regulations promulgated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Before joining the Firm, Matt served as senior counsel in OIG's Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch. At OIG, Matt was responsible for determining whether to impose administrative sanctions, including civil money penalties and Federal health care program exclusions, against health care providers and suppliers, and whether to impose civil money penalties on hospitals and physicians in connection with matters referred to CMS under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). During his tenure, Matt also litigated exclusion appeals before administrative law judges and appellate panels of the Departmental Appeals Board; advised United States Attorney's Offices on exclusions appealed to Federal district

courts; resolved voluntary self-disclosures submitted by providers and grant and contract recipients; and participated in the negotiations and settlements of FCA matters by the Department of Justice involving the AKS, Stark Law, CMS reimbursement issues, and DEA and FDA compliance issues. In connection with certain FCA resolutions, Matt also negotiated and monitored corporate integrity agreements.

On the Florida junior circuit and in college, Matt was a competitive tennis player. Matt played on the varsity team and was captain his senior year at Rhodes College, earning ITA Division III and SCAC All-Academic Honor Roll awards his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Matt is an active member of the American Health Law Association (AHLA) and currently serves as a Vice Chair of AHLA's Fraud and Abuse Practice Group.

Articles:

Matthew J. Westbrook and Vinay Kohli, "Fault Lines Expected to Deepen: Major False Claims Act Circuit Split," *American Health Law Association* (September 11, 2024)

Matthew J. Westbrook and David M. Blank, "Using OIG's Cross-Component Audit and Enforcement Data to Strengthen Your Compliance Program," *Compliance Today* (February 2024).

Ed Kornreich, Matthew Westbrook, and Angela Gichinga, "Bracing for the Impact of the No Surprises Act," *Westlaw Today* (June 16, 2022).

Conferences, Webinars, and Podcasts:

"AHLA Mentoring Series – Becoming an AHLA Mentor: Demystifying the Process & Making Your Impact" (AHLA Health Law Week, January 27, 2026)

Matthew J. Westbrook, Stewart Kameen, and Brandon C. Helms, "Health Care Fraud and Abuse Trends From 2025 and What to Expect in 2026," *American Health Law Association* (Podcast, January 6, 2026).

Bill Mathias and Matt Westbrook, "'Lightning Round': A Fraud & Abuse Due Diligence Game Show," *American Health Law Association* (Health Care Transactions

Conference, May 5–6, 2025).

Matthew J. Westbrook and David M. Blank, “Recent Trends in CMPL Enforcement", *American Health Law Association* (Webinar, May 24, 2023).

Practices

Corporate/Transactional, Health Care Regulatory Compliance

Industries

Health Care & Life Sciences, Private Capital, Private Equity

Education

Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D.
Health Law Certificate
Notes and Comments Managing Editor, *Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy*
Saint Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice, M.H.A.
Health Management & Policy
Vanderbilt University Divinity School, M.T.S.
Rhodes College, B.A.

Admissions & Qualifications

District of Columbia
Missouri

Memberships

American Bar Association
American Health Law Association
Health Care Compliance Association
The Missouri Bar

Awards & Recognition

Inspector General’s Award: We Are Tough and Fair Enforcers
Inspector General’s Award: Cooperative Achievement

Inspector General’s Award: We Deliver Accurate, High-Quality, Relevant, and Timely Work

Inspector General’s Award: Excellence in Promoting Quality, Safety, and Value

Saint Louis University School of Law: Academic Excellence Award: Bioethics and the Law

Government Service

Associate Counsel, Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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