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## Overview

Erin Hoyle focuses her practice on False Claims Act (qui tam/whistleblower) defense, corporate internal investigations, white collar criminal defense, cybersecurity and privacy, and securities and business litigation.

Her False Claims Act (FCA) experience includes defending health care clients in civil qui tam actions alleging the submission of false claims for payment, federal anti-kickback and Stark Law violations, and employer retaliation claims. She also represents individuals and corporations facing government FCA investigations and advises on whistleblower complaints. Erin counsels companies on how to best avoid and detect potential FCA violations, and how to most effectively respond when nonetheless faced with such allegations.

Erin also defends companies, executives, and employees in other government and criminal investigations and conducts internal investigations. Her experience in this area includes government contracting fraud, cybercrime, trade secret misappropriation, theft of government property, health care, bribery of public officials, securities, public company accounting, and compliance with professional standards of conduct. The internal investigations have been prompted by government enforcement proceedings, as well as company-initiated investigations based on suspected wrongdoing by employees, competitors, and other third parties.

Erin advises clients on data breach and similar cyber incident preparation and response, related state attorney general investigations, and further action stemming from those incidents.

Before joining the firm, Erin worked in academic fundraising, preparing state universities for national fundraising campaigns. She now advises educational institutions on an array of sensitive matters, including employment issues, records retention, student safety, administrative best practices, and compliance.

## All Insights

01.09.2020	Recent Cases Indicate Viability of False Claims Act Liability Connected to Federal Cybersecurity Standards
10.04.2019	SEC Now May Consider a Simultaneous Settlement Offer and Waiver Request
09.11.2019	US v. AseraCare: Eleventh Circuit Holds That Contradictory Clinical Judgments Alone Cannot Trigger FCA Liability
03.08.2018	Key Issues and Best Practices for Corporate Internal Investigations <i>Trial Advocate</i>
06.06.2017	Honeycutt v. United States: Mandated Criminal Asset Forfeiture Receives Clear Limitation — Joint and Several Forfeiture Liability Rejected
02.28.2017	The Need for “Particularity” in Qui Tam Cases
12.07.2016	Home Depot Cyber Derivative Action Shuttered: Another Data-Breach Derivative Suit Fails to Clear Fundamental Corporate Law Hurdles
12.05.2016	Whistleblowers on Campus: DOJ Adds Research Universities to its False Claims Act Focus
07.18.2016	Collaboration Key to Combating Cyber Threats: Federal Government Issues Final Guidance Clarifying Liability Protection for Private Entities that Share Cybersecurity Information
06.02.2016	Share What You Know: Liability Protection for Private Entities that Share Cybersecurity Information Pursuant to Federal Guidelines
05.02.2016	Avoiding a Messy Break-Up: How a Firm’s Investigation Can Deflect a Financial Advisor’s Form U-5 Defamation Claim
02.01.2016	In Flannery v. SEC, First Circuit Rebukes Commission, Signals Departure from Deferential Review
01.05.2016	New Federal Law Protects Companies that Share Cyber Threat Information
12.16.2015	Flawed Auctions and Buy-Side Conflicts: Financial Advisor Liability for Aiding and Abetting Breach of the Duty of Care in RBC Capital Markets v. Jervis

01.01.2014 Including the Frozen Heir: Expanding the Florida Probate Code to include Posthumously Conceived Children's Inheritance Rights

## All News

03.07.2018 Adam Schwartz and Erin Hoyle Author Article in Trial Advocate Quarterly on Corporate Internal Investigations

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01.25.2018 Carlton Fields Wins Appeals Court Victory in False Claims Act Case

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01.24.2018 11th Circ. Won't Revive \$320M Fla. Hospice FCA Case

## Professional & Community Involvement

- Ferguson-White American Inn of Court (2014–2015)

## Speaking Engagements

- "Avoiding Broken Glass: When the Government Comes Knocking," Association of Corporate Counsel, West Central Florida Chapter, St. Petersburg, FL (April 2018)
- "Painting a Compliance Picture in a False Claims Landscape," Association of Corporate Counsel, West Central Florida Chapter, St. Petersburg, FL (May 2017)

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Stetson University College of Law (J.D., 2015)
  - Editor in Chief, *Stetson Law Review*
- The George Washington University (M.A., 2005)
- Florida State University (B.A., 2003)

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Florida State Courts

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

## Background

- Independent Consultant, St. Petersburg, FL (2011–2012)
- Florida State University Foundation, Tallahassee, FL
  - Interim Chief of Staff (2011)

- Director of Research and Prospect Management (2008–2011)
- Director of Research (2007–2008)
- Senior Research Analyst (2007)
- Research Analyst (2005–2007)

## **Areas of Focus**

### PRACTICES

- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Education
- Litigation and Trials
- Securities and Derivative Litigation
- White Collar Crime & Government Investigations