

Matthew Gillespie

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Matthew combines his experience investigating fraud at DOJ with inside knowledge of federal healthcare programs to vigorously protect clients' interests.

Matthew is a former United States Department of Justice trial attorney and assistant United States attorney (AUSA) with a national practice defending against False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback, and other civil and criminal federal investigations. Matthew's practice extends to government contracting, including representing government contractors in bid protests and other disputes, as well as assisting clients in other interactions with federal, state, and local government agencies, such as open records/FOIA requests, grant administration, and compliance.

As a former assistant United States attorney, Matthew developed his expertise in federal investigations through years of working with federal partners to enforce the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Controlled Substances Act, and various other civil and criminal federal authorities in healthcare, government contracting, import/export, and a wide range of other industries.

Matthew is also deeply invested in the issues facing institutions of higher education and school districts, having enforced federal civil rights laws against state and local agencies as a trial attorney in DOJ's Civil Rights Division. While there, Matthew took a leading role in his Section's flagship litigation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a responsibility he took in addition to leading education-related civil rights investigations across the country.

Before joining DOJ, Matthew served as the state of Iowa's lead Medicaid policy counsel, where he advised the state Medicaid program as the primary point of contact on Medicaid compliance, regulations, eligibility, and program litigation. In that role, Matthew regularly argued before state and federal trial and appellate courts.

Education

- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (J.D., 2016)
 - *cum laude*, Hitchcock Award for Outstanding Writing, Washington University Journal of Law and Policy, Exec. Articles Editor
- Creighton University (B.A., Journalism, Media & Computing, 2013)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Iowa
- Minnesota

Select Experience

- As attorney for the United States, obtained millions of dollars in False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute settlements from healthcare providers, defense contractors, importers, government contractors, and others. *
- Represented the United States in Fraud Injunction Statute actions leading to successful return of millions in fraud proceeds to victims. *
- Represented the United States in federal court against state agency alleged to have operated statewide program in violation of federal civil rights laws. *
- Represented United States in adversary bankruptcy proceeding over fraudulently-obtained debt through discovery, trial, and appeal. *

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa
- U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, American Health Law Association

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- School Committee (Board) Member, Scattergood Friends School, West Branch, IA (2021-2024)

Accolades

- Commendation, US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, 2022

Additional Information

Shifting Automotive Landscapes: Privacy and the Right to Travel in the Era of Autonomous Motor Vehicles, 50 WASH. U. J.L. & POL'Y 147 (2016)

Select Speaking Engagements

Panelist, "One Year In: Higher Education Enforcement Under the Second Trump Administration," Higher Education Summit, March 5, 2026

Panelist, "The False Claims Act in the Second Trump Administration: Coercive Certifications and Healthcare Enforcement," Minnesota State Bar Association Health Law Section, November 5, 2025

Panelist, "Certifications & the Trump Administration – Vagueness and Good Faith as

FCA Defenses?" FCA Forum, September 18, 2025

Co-Presenter, "Above and Beyond the Workplace – What to Do When an Investigation Reveals Criminal Misconduct, " Minnesota CLE, August 12, 2025

Insights

July 13, 2026

Proposed CMS Rule Ramps Up Potential Medicare Fraud Administrative Remedies

June 3, 2026

More Federal Funding Changes on Tap: OMB Proposes Uniform Guidance Overhaul

May 4, 2026

Is There FCA Risk in Your Public Data? DOJ Launches the "FOCUS" Initiative, Formalizing Engagement with Data Miner Relators

March 30, 2026

New DEI-Focused Executive Order Implements Expansive Audit Authority and Imposes DEI Certification Obligations on All Federal Contractors, Subcontractors

February 23, 2026

DOJ Doubles Down on Antidiscrimination FCA Claims, Identifies Problematic Practices

January 22, 2026

False Claims Act Settlements and Judgments Set New Record, Exceeding \$6.8 Billion in FY 2025

January 20, 2026

DOJ Sues Minnesota Over Affirmative Action, Certifies Case for Early SCOTUS Fight on Title VII Precedent

December 30, 2025

Justice Department Eliminates Disparate-Impact Liability Under Title VI

November 25, 2025

Department of Education Announces Six New Interagency Partnerships Aimed at "Breaking Up the Federal Education Bureaucracy"

November 18, 2025

The Court of Federal Claims and the Trump Administration's Contract and Grant Terminations: A Primer for Federal Grantees and Contractors

October 13, 2025

White House Proposes “Compact” With Nine Universities, Seeking Administrative Concessions for Access to Federal Funds

October 2, 2025

DOJ Creates New “Enforcement & Affirmative Litigation Branch” to Enforce “Federal Policies”

September 12, 2025

DOJ Signals Civil, Criminal Enforcement of “Parental Rights” in Education

August 12, 2025

More Change to Federal Grant Administration: Political Appointees Overseeing Grantmaking? Uniform Guidance Changes? And Indirect Rate Caps?

August 8, 2025

DOJ’s New Anti-Discrimination Guidance: Pushing the Legal Envelope?