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Former U.S. Attorney Kurt R. Erskine is an experienced trial lawyer who relies on his decades of experience with the Department of Justice to help health care providers, corporations, organizations and individuals navigate complex government investigations and high-stakes civil and criminal litigation. Kurt has successfully tried dozens of federal jury trials to verdict and handled hundreds of complex enforcement matters during his career as prosecutor and now in private practice.

Kurt focuses his practice on internal investigations and government investigations, white-collar defense and complex litigation with an emphasis on health care enforcement, False Claims Act defense and securities litigation. He represents corporations, organizations and individuals in civil and criminal lawsuits and investigations involving allegations of financial, health care fraud, public corruption, securities fraud as well as cases involving the False Claims Act and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

With over 20 years of experience as a federal prosecutor, Kurt served as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, overseeing all federal criminal prosecutions and federal government civil litigation in Atlanta and northern Georgia. As the U.S. Attorney, he led a staff of over 100 criminal and civil prosecutors, a professional staff of over 130, partnered with approximately 300 law enforcement agencies and was responsible for one of the largest districts in the United States.

During his tenure with the Department of Justice, Kurt served in a variety of leadership positions, including as the First Assistant United States Attorney, the Chief of the Public Integrity and Special Matters Section and the criminal Health Care Fraud Coordinator. In these roles, he prosecuted some of the most sensitive and high-profile matters in the district, including cases involving allegations of complex financial, tax and health care fraud and kickbacks, public corruption, money laundering, controlled substance diversion and national security.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Kurt was in private practice and focused his work on health care litigation and health care compliance.

## Capabilities

- False Claims Act Defense
- Government Investigations
- Internal Investigations
- Health Care Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Behavioral Health

## Education

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 1996)
- University of Kansas Medical Center (M.H.A., 1996)
- William & Mary
  - Public Policy

## Bar Admissions

- Georgia

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia

## Memberships

- William & Mary Graduate Studies Advisory Board, 2014-2021

## Recognition

- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, Georgia, 2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2025-2026
- Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance (2018)
- Named "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024-2026

## Languages

- French

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February 4, 2025

## When ICE Knocks: Immigration Enforcement in the New Administration

Introduction Since President Trump's inauguration, the administration has underscored its commitment to prioritizing immigration enforcement. This shift includes an increase in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") raids and the rescission of previous policies that restricted federal immigration authorities...

# Publications

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**How to prepare for an ICE raid? Make a game plan, attorney offers**

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**Focus, Fairness and Efficiency: DOJ Reveals Administration's Plans for Enforcement of Corporate and White-Collar Crime**

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**Annual ABA White Collar Conference Brings Additional Updates to DOJ Corporate Enforcement Policy**

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**Annual ABA White Collar Conference Brings Additional Updates to DOJ Corporate Enforcement Policy**

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**It's Here – The New National Cybersecurity Strategy**

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**Former federal prosecutor sounds alarm about home care kickback schemes**

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**Ten Individuals Charged in Business Email Compromise Scheme Targeting Medicare, Medicaid and Other Insurers**

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**New York Alleges Trump Procured Inflated Appraisals for Conservation Easements**

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**The DOJ and IRS Focus Enforcement on Syndicated Conservation Easements**

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**President Biden Extends Statute of Limitations for PPP and EIDL Fraud to Ten Years**