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PARTNER AND NATIONAL LEADER OF THE FIRM'S INVESTIGATIONS PRACTICE

Jacques is the national leader of the firm's Investigations Group and, for over a decade, served as the national leader of the firm's Complex Litigation practice, where he helps health care and life science companies navigate the shoals of government enforcement and litigation.



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Education

National Judicial College, Advanced Evidence;
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Louisiana State University, JD, 1991
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Recognized as one of the top False Claims Act practitioners in the country, Jacques' clients largely encompass all branches of health care and life sciences. He has more than 30 years of experience handling jury, bench, and administrative trials in a variety of civil and criminal cases in state and federal courts throughout the country. Jacques excels at handling complex commercial disputes and internal investigations and responding to government inquiries. From 2013-2024, Jacques served as the national leader of the firm's Complex Litigation group.

Jacques is consistently ranked as a leading health care litigator by both *Chambers USA* and the *Legal 500 US* and is recognized with an AV Preeminent® rating. A frequent writer and speaker on government investigations and the False Claims Act, Jacques' work has been widely cited by *The National Law Journal*, *Bloomberg Legal*, *Compliance Week*, *Law360*, and other leading publications. His cases have gained nationwide attention and been covered by electronic and print media, including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *The Miami Herald*, and other leading news organizations.

Jacques is also viewed as a thought leader in the Health Care and Enforcement industry. He is a founder and leader of the firm's popular [Investigations Blog](#), a destination for enforcement news and analysis published weekly. Since its establishment in 2020, it has been the firm's top blog. From 2020-2022, JDSupra recognized Jacques and the Investigations Blog with its Top Author Award. Jacques continues to be one of the firm's top-read authors, gaining almost 100,000 reads of about over 50 news alerts and legal commentaries each year.

Jacques is also a decorated Captain with extensive and unique legal experience through his 30 years of service in the US Navy. He served as General Courts-Martial Judge, Chief Navy Reserve Trial Judge, and on the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. With more than 12 years of experience on the trial and appellate benches, Jacques presided over more than 200 jury, bench, and appellate trials and hearings.

Jacques maintained a dual career with ArentFox Schiff and the Navy for 24 years. Out of respect and appreciation for the firm's support during this time, he formed AFVets with other active, reserve, former, and retired military and uniformed service employees. The goal of AFVets is to create and foster awareness and community for ArentFox Schiff's military and uniformed service employees by concentrating on issues specific to those who are or have been in service, while applying that experience to serving clients with similar military backgrounds.

Client Work

Jacques represents domestic, foreign, and sovereign clients in complex internal investigations and civil litigation at all levels in both federal and state courts. He also frequently advises these clients on their rights and liabilities before litigation arises. He has substantial experience in responding to government subpoenas and civil investigative demands (CIDs) as well as supervising a nationwide litigation docket of complex cases arising in multiple states. More than 50 of Jacques' cases have been reported.

Selected significant matters include:

- Representation of a large public hospital in the resolution of a \$70 million False Claims Act and Stark Law litigation in *United States ex rel. Reilly v. North Broward Hospital District* (USDC SD Fla.)
- For more than 17 years, served as lead litigation counsel representing a global pharmaceutical manufacturer in connection with the Average Wholesale Price MDL throughout the country in *In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Litigation* (MDL No. 1456)
- Served as lead counsel representing a large, international pharmaceutical company in an investigation brought by the US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and DOJ alleging violations of the False Claims Act and possible violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act in *United States ex rel. Albermarle v. Cipla, et al.* (DOJ; USDC D. Mass)
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of a global pharmaceutical company in two related litigations alleging violations of the False Claims Act (*United States ex rel. John R. Borzilleri, M.D., et al v. Abbvie, Inc., et al.*) (USDC SDNY and DRI; 1st Cir. and 2nd Cir.)
- Obtained declination of two proton therapy centers in a False Claims Act, Stark Law, and Anti-Kickback Statute investigation in *United States ex. rel. Ward v. ProCure Management* (USDC WD Ok.)
- Obtained declination on behalf of the former president of a benefit management company in a False Claims Act investigation (the former company entered into a \$54 million settlement) (USDC SDNY)
- Served as lead counsel representing multiple entities in investigations brought by the US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts into whether pharmaceutical manufacturers and patient assistance programs violated the Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act relating to the provision of co-pays, obtaining declination of one entity (DOJ; USDC D. Mass)
- Obtained dismissal of a financial institution in a False Claims Act lawsuit asserting billions of dollars in claims in *United States ex. rel. Brown and Stone v. BankUnited Trust* (USDC SD Fla.)
- Obtained favorable settlements on behalf of multiple pharmaceutical companies in pricing disputes alleging fraudulent Medicaid reimbursements in *State of Louisiana v. Abbott Laboratories, et al.* (19th Judicial District; 1st Cir.; Supreme Court (LA))
- Obtained declination on behalf of an international medical device manufacturer in an investigation by the DOJ Consumer Protection Branch and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts into False Claims Act allegations and possible criminal or civil violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act in *United States v. Coloplast et al.* (USDC D. Mass)
- Obtained dismissal of a major pharmaceutical company in a False Claims Act litigation in *United States, ex rel. Conrad v. Actavis Mid-Atlantic, et al.* (USDC D. Mass)
- Obtained dismissal of a public hospital in four False Claims Act Cases where its former General Counsel brought suit (Sup. Ct. Cal.; USDC ND Cal.)
- Representation of a major hospital in connection with a proposed Government audit and complex administrative subpoena (USDC ED Pa.; 3rd Cir.)
- Representation of a major urban hospital in connection with a False Claims Act case (USDC DDC)
- Obtained dismissal of a vaccine manufacturer in a False Claims Act litigation in *Dingle v. BioPort Corp.* (USDC WD Mich.; 6th Cir.; USSC)
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a generic pharmaceutical company in a patent case in *Glaxo v. Impax Laboratories* (USDC ND Cal.)
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of a major vaccine producer in a challenge brought by military service members in *Bates v. BioPort Corp.* (USDC DDC)
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Celebrating ArentFox Schiff's Veterans: Jacques Smith on Going From Military Service to Client Service

In 1990, Jacques began his career as a litigator while serving with the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Navy. As a US Navy attorney, Jacques served as a prosecutor, chief defense counsel, and appellate defense counsel while being stationed throughout the world. He gained extensive litigation experience, trying hundreds of courts-martial at trial and on appeal. Jacques later served in the Navy's General Litigation Division, representing the Navy's and Department of Defense's interests in federal district courts and courts of appeal throughout the country, the US Court of Claims, and the Federal Circuit. Following his affiliation with ArentFox Schiff in 1996, Jacques continued his service as a reserve officer in several roles. Jacques served as Commanding Officer (acting) and Executive Officer of the Regional Legal Service Office for Naval District Washington, as a General Court – Martial Military Judge, as the Chief Judge of the Navy Reserve Trial Judiciary, and as an Appellate Judge on the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

Jacques was named the American Bar Association's Outstanding Young Naval Attorney in 1993 and has been awarded the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, and multiple Secretarial and Flag Letters of Commendation for outstanding military and professional service. He was promoted to Captain in the United States Navy in 2009 and retired from the Navy with 30 years of service in 2020.

Jacques was designated a Litigation Expert by the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps' Military Justice Litigation Career Track Selection Board in 2009. He has taken several advanced classes at the National Judicial College and served as an adjunct faculty member at the Naval Justice School and Army's Judge Advocate General School for many years, focusing on evidence, trial practice, and judicial methodology. As a result, Jacques was recognized with an AV Preeminent® judicial rating.

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Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Jacques is committed to public service matters. In 2000 he was awarded the firm's Albert Arent Pro Bono Award for outstanding commitment to community service and pro bono interests. In 2018 and again in 2021, he was awarded the Marc L. Fleischaker Award for his outstanding work on pro bono matters. *Chambers USA* and *Legal 500 US* have consistently recognized him for his litigation and investigations work in the health care industry.

Jacques is a regular writer, speaker, and commentator on a variety of government investigations, False Claims Act, and litigation best practices nationwide. He is the co-author of multiple chapters of a PLI book on government investigations, litigation, and health care fraud. In addition, he co-wrote about government investigations involving companies' "bring your own device" (BYOD) policies in "Your Employee Has Corporate Data on Her Personal (BYOD) Cellphone – And Someone Else Wants It – Now What?," published by *Chambers USA* (2024). Jacques has also co-written (with Mattie Bowden and Rebekkah Stoeckler) "How AI May Be Used In Fintech Fraud — And Fraud Detection" (one of *Law360's* most-read expert analyses in March 2024); (with Michael Dearington and Randall Brater) "Eleventh Circuit Deals Blow to Defense Contractors in Key False Claims Act Statute-of-Limitations Tolling Case, Deepening Circuit Split"; and (with Michael Dearington) "Catch Me If You Can: The Divergent and Inconstant Pleading Requirements Governing Qui Tam Complaints."

Jacques has also been frequently interviewed or quoted in industry publications, including:

"Q&A: FCA Specialist Jacques Smith on Perils, Precautions for Health Care Industry," *The National Law Journal*, May 12, 2021, "Mischievous activity during the pandemic will lead to more healthcare fraud recoveries in 2021," *Healthcare Finance*, March 16, 2021, "Sixth Circuit Offers New Clarity for Copycat Fraud Cases," *Bloomberg Law*, January 29, 2021, "Distilling Compliance Lessons from Healthcare Fraud Cases," *Compliance Week*, January 24, 2019, "DOJ's Slumping FCA Hauls Cloud Future Recovery Prospects," *Law360*, January, 11, 2019, and "Damages Could Pile Up if High Court Affirms False Claims Ruling," *Bloomberg Law*, January 4, 2019.

Jacques' recent client alerts and blog articles include:

- "Canadian Man Sentenced for Operating \$175 Million Psychic Mass-Mailing Fraud Scheme."
- "Commonwealth Financial Network Must Pay \$72 Million in SEC Enforcement Action."
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- [“Disgraced Crypto Mogul Bankman-Fried Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison.”](#)
- [“Cooperation Spares Former NBA Shooting Guard From Prison.”](#)
- [“Telemedicine Owner Pleads Guilty to \\$136 Million Medicare Fraud.”](#)
- [“Georgia Laboratory Owner Pleads Guilty to Felony Anti-Kickback Statute Violations.”](#)
- [“Department of Justice Designates First Chief AI Officer.”](#)
- [“Former Healthcare Executives Convicted for Health Insurance Policy Fraud Scheme.”](#)
- [“Clinical Laboratory and CEO To Pay Over \\$13 Million to Settle False Claims Act Allegations.”](#)
- [“Ultragenyx to Pay \\$6 Million To Settle False Claims Act Case.”](#)
- [“Health Care Network Settles False Claims Act Allegations for \\$345 Million.”](#)
- [“Two Individuals Indicted for Operating \\$25 Million Crypto-Fraud.”](#)
- [“Binance to Pay Historic \\$4 Billion Fine.”](#)

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