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Spence Pryor is a seasoned trial lawyer and an experienced investigator. He helps businesses, boards, universities, nonprofits, executives and individuals solve and avoid legal problems of all types. As a former assistant U.S. attorney and counsel to the deputy attorney general, Spence has unique experience handling myriad legal matters. Spence has handled matters throughout the U.S. as well as internationally. He was a member of Georgia's Judicial Nominating Commission under Governor Perdue and currently serves on the board of visitors at the University of Georgia School of Law.

Spence concentrates his practice in white collar criminal defense, government (state and federal) investigations and congressional investigations. Spence focuses on corporate compliance, health care litigation, defending and investigating matters related to the False Claims Act and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), cyber intrusion and data breach, state AG investigations related to consumer protection issues, including deceptive and unfair trade practices, and conducting internal corporate investigations. Spence's government investigations practice also includes routinely addressing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) issues and counseling clients on making and responding to FOIA requests.

Representative Experience

- Representation of Imperial Sugar Company in the aftermath of a major explosion including: leading company's cooperation with and defense of numerous federal, state and local law enforcement investigations involving ATF, Georgia State Fire Marshall, and Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department; handling responses to media inquiries; assisting with OSHA inspections and FDA/GDA joint inspections; preparing company personnel for Congressional and House Committee on Education and the Workforce hearings; and developing a plan for the defense of potential criminal allegations against the company and/or employees and directors.
- Defense of numerous health care service providers against qui tam actions.
- Counseled a publicly traded company on complying with a government mandated monitor as part of a deferred prosecution agreement in an FCPA matter.
- Led an internal investigation for a publicly traded company into allegations of FCPA violations in Russia and Eastern Europe.
- Conducted anticorruption due diligence for numerous clients seeking to expand internationally through acquisitions or as joint venture partners.
- Assisted and counseled numerous clients dealing with cyber intrusions and/or data breaches. Crisis management and response typically included assisting with the investigation and managing the companies' response to state and federal regulators, local, state and federal law enforcement, and the Department of Justice.

- Counsel to one of the largest acute care hospital and health care service providers in the United States in a government investigation relating to Hurricane Katrina and allegations of euthanasia in its aftermath.
- Conducted an internal investigation involving immigration fraud for one of the world's leading producers of home appliances and appliances for professional use.
- Developed a corporate compliance plan for a global leader in the production of outdoor power products.
- Represented a former White House official in the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's investigation of the circumstances of Corporal Patrick Tillman's death.

Education

- University of Georgia (J.D., 1999)
- University of Georgia (B.A., 1995)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia

Related Services

False Claims Act | Litigation | White Collar, Government & Internal Investigations | Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Violations | Cybersecurity Preparedness & Response | Privacy & Data Security | Health Care | Commercial | State Attorneys General Practice Team