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Ashley represents clients in commercial litigation matters as well as corporate clients and their executives in government and internal investigations, civil enforcement matters, and criminal investigations alleging false claims, financial institution fraud, securities fraud, health care fraud, money laundering, and public corruption.

Representative Matters

- Member of a litigation team that successfully defended a government contractor and several individual defendants against 13 counts alleging misappropriation of trade secrets and other business torts. *Futrend Technology, Inc. v. MicroHealth LLC, et al.*, Case No. CL2018-14995 (Va.).
- Represents current and former employees of a multinational manufacturing company in civil lawsuits and a government investigation related to a consumer product with alleged safety issues.
- Represents *qui tam* relators in False Claims Act (FCA) proceedings alleging fraud against state and federal health care programs and evasion of antidumping and countervailing duties.
- Represents a multinational firm and government contractor in investigating subcontract disputes and disclosing potential issues to the government.
- Represents several individual employees of a healthcare provider in connection with investigations by the Department of Justice and a federal Inspector General.

Practice Areas

Civil Fraud, False Claims, *Qui Tam* and Whistleblower Actions
Global Disputes
Litigation
White Collar Defense & Government Investigations

Credentials

Education

J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law;
Order of Barristers
B.A., with honors, Appalachian State University

Law Journals

Notes & Comments Editor, *Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law*

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

- Represents a producer in a contract dispute with a former business partner related to a popular television show.
- Maintains an active pro bono docket, including representing nonprofit groups seeking to achieve tax-exempt status, federal inmates seeking compassionate release under the First Step Act, and amicus curiae in U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Professional Experience

- Judicial Extern, The Honorable Paul L. Friedman, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2017)
- Appellate Advocacy Clinic, Wake Forest University School of Law (2018-2019)
- Research Assistant, Dean Gregory S. Parks, Wake Forest University School of Law (2017-2019)

Affiliations

- Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia (WBA)
 - Co-Chair, Young Lawyers Committee