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ALEXANDER M. OWENS is an associate in the Philadelphia Office of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP. He is a member of the Qui Tam/False Claims Act and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups.

Mr. Owens received his B.A., magna cum laude, from Boston University where he majored in International Relations. He earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from Temple University Beasley School of Law, graduating in the top 5% of his class. At Temple, he was an Executive Articles and Symposium Editor on the Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review, a member of the Order of the Coif, and recipient of the Beasley Scholarship and Class of 1976 Scholarship. He received recognition for writing the best brief in his Legal Research & Writing class and for distinguished class participation in Employment Law, Trial Advocacy II, and Taxation. His law review article, *Protecting Free Speech in the Digital Age: Does the FCC's Net Neutrality Order Violate the First Amendment?*, 23 Temp. Pol. & Civ. Rights L. Rev. 2009 (2013), was published in the fall of 2013.

Following graduation from Temple Law, Mr. Owens served as a law clerk to the Honorable David R. Strawbridge of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Since joining the firm, Mr. Owens has represented whistleblowers in qui tam suits, plaintiffs and defendants in class actions, and individuals, businesses, and government entities in employment and commercial disputes.

Mr. Owens has been recognized as a *Pennsylvania Rising Star* in Class Action Litigation by *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Owens is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Representative Matters

U.S. ex rel Dawn Baker v. Physician Partners of America, LLC, No. 8:19-cv-00902 (M.D. Fl.)

U.S. ex rel Bergman v. Abbott Laboratories, 2:09-cv-04264 (E.D. Pa.)

U.S. ex rel Nevyas v. Allergan Inc., 2:09-cv-00432 (E.D. Pa.)

U.S. ex rel Mason v. Health Management Associates, Inc., 3:10-cv-472 (W.D.N.C.)

Mehigan v. Ascena Retail Group, Inc., 2:15-cv-00724 (E.D. Pa.)

Commonwealth v. DeWeese, 1998 MDA 2016 (Pa. Super. May 8, 2017)

Quantum Health ACO, LLC v. ACO Health Partners, LLC, 2:16-cv-04501 (E.D. Pa.)

Matera v. Kraft Heinz Foods Company, GD15-016630 (Allegheny Cnty. Ct. Com. Pl.)

Colbert v. Project Transition, Inc., 2014-08498 (Bucks Cnty. Ct. Com. Pl.)

Publications

"The Emerging Battle Over 'Objective Reasonableness' in False Claims Act Cases," *Compliance Today*, June 2022

“Genetic Testing: The New Wild West for Health Care Fraud,” *Criminal Justice Magazine*, April 2020.

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“Genetic Testing Gold Rush Gives Rise To Fraud Allegations,” *Law360*, November 12, 2019.

“Storm Clouds on the Horizon: Private Equity and the False Claims Act,” *The Champion*, October 23, 2019.

“First of Its Kind? Private Equity Firm and Its Portfolio Company Settle FCA Lawsuit,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, September 27, 2019.

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit