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As a member of the Baker Donelson Government Enforcement and Investigations Group, Alison Schurick represents and advises individuals and entities threatened with or facing any phase of government action, enforcement, and/or investigation.

Ms. Schurick focuses her practice on government investigations, enforcement actions, white-collar criminal defense, and high-stakes litigation. She represents and counsels clients of all sizes in a wide range of industries, most predominantly health care and government contracts, and has significant experience in representing professionals and institutions in health care disputes involving billing and reimbursement, allegations of fraud and abuse, and violations of state and federal false claims laws. Her litigation practice includes representing companies and individuals in state and federal court and before administrative agencies in all phases of the litigation process. In addition, Ms. Schurick has significant experience in conducting internal investigations in matters involving allegations of financial improprieties, workplace misconduct, and compliance with state and federal law.

Prior to private practice, Ms. Schurick served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Michele D. Jaklitsch (now retired) of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County for two years. While in law school, she practiced as a Rule 16 Attorney in the Saul Ewing Civil Advocacy Clinic, clerked for a mid-size litigation firm in Baltimore and interned for then-Magistrate Judge Stephanie A. Gallagher of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Representative Matters

- Representing a national behavioral health system in a federal and state investigation under the False Claims Act into allegations of substandard care and improper billing.
- Represented an academic medical center in a federal False Claims Act investigation relating to graduate medical education billing and supervision.
- Representing a national real estate development company in an enforcement action brought by the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland.
- Representing national fossil fuel companies in defense of climate-change related suits brought by various states and municipalities in multiple jurisdictions nationwide.
- Representing numerous health care providers and entities in state and federal civil and criminal investigations nationwide involving alleged violations of state and federal False Claims Acts, the Anti-Kickback Statute, health care fraud, and the Stark Law.
- Representing several community-based organizations in a congressional investigation.
- Representing multiple individual government contractors in civil and criminal investigations involving alleged noncompliance with SBA 8(a) regulations and requirements.
- Represented the board of directors of a public company in an SEC investigation.
- Represented a hospital center in a False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback investigation into hospital's provision of physician call coverage services.
- Represented a national opioid company in an enforcement action brought by the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland.
- Represented a former owner of a compound pharmacy in a federal criminal case charging, among other things, wire fraud and violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute.

- Resolved retaliation and state and federal False Claims Act claims brought against a large health care institution and several of its affiliates including a home health care provider and a hospital.
- Resolved claims against a specialty pharmacy accused of enabling a pharmaceutical manufacturer to pay kickbacks to patients prescribed the manufacturer's drug.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of defamation and invasion of privacy claims against an individual client.
- Conducted an internal investigation for a large university health system involving various employment matters and disputes.
- Resolved claims on behalf of the State of Maryland against a government contractor accused or of falsely billing for products and services that did not meet contract specifications.
- Resolved claims against an ambulance company and its billing affiliate accused of submitting false claims for ambulance transport that was not medically necessary.
- Represented correctional officers in disciplinary and administrative proceedings, and successfully avoided suspension or further disciplinary action against the clients.
- Secured a favorable settlement on behalf of a prisoner in a pro bono matter alleging claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Criminal Defense: White-Collar and Government Relations Practice (2021 – 2025)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations lawyer in Maryland (2024, 2025)
- Selected as a Top 40 Under 40 Criminal Defense Lawyer in Maryland by The National Trial Lawyers (2020, 2021)
- Recipient of Leadership in Law Award by *The Daily Record* (2022)
- Selected to Maryland Rising Stars (2019, 2022 – 2025)
- Named as one of *The Daily Record's* Leading Women Under 40 (2022)
- Associate Editor – TYL, American Bar Association (2022 – present)
- Graduate – Business Volunteers Maryland GIVE Fellowship (2022)
- Member – Bar Association of Baltimore City (2016 – present)
 - Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Young Lawyers' Division (2023 – present)
 - Chair, Health & Well Being Committee (2019 – 2021)
 - Co-Chair, Life & the Law Committee, Young Lawyers' Division (2019 – 2021)
 - Member, Memorial Committee (2018 – 2019)
 - Co-Chair, Health & Wellness Committee, Young Lawyers' Division (2018 – 2019)
 - Co-Chair, Awards Committee, Young Lawyers' Division (2017 – 2018)
 - Co-Chair, Mentoring Committee, Young Lawyers' Division (2016 – 2017)
- Member – American Bar Association (2019 – present)
- Member – Federal Bar Association, Maryland Chapter (2016 – present)
- Member – Maryland State Bar Association (2014 – present)
 - Member, Membership & Content Committee (2020 – 2022)
 - Member, Member Achievements Subcommittee (2020 – 2022)
 - Member, Membership Content Pipeline Subcommittee (2020 – 2022)



Publications

- "First Circuit Requires But-For Causation for FCA Liability Based on AKS Violations," republished on February 28, 2025, in *Law360* (February 2025)
- "Common Ground," *Baker Women Newsletter* (Issue 1, 2024)
- "Maryland's New Whistleblower Retaliation Standard" (November 2023)

- "Common Ground," *Diversity Matters Newsletter* (Summer 2023)
- "Private Equity in the Crosshairs: Administration Continues to Raise Questions Over Role of Private Equity in Long Term Care," republished March 13, 2023, in *McKnight's Long-Term Care News* (February 2023)
- "Baker's Dozen – Tips on the Way to the Top," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (October 2022)
- "DOJ Signals Increased Investigations and Prosecutions of Pandemic-Related Fraud: New Strike Forces in MD, FL, and CA Commence Operations" (September 2022)
- "Billable Hours – Tips to Succeed," Maryland State Bar Association Weekly; republished September 2022, in the *Maryland Bar Journal* (February 2022)
- "Two Recent Corporate Pleas Affirm DOJ's Pledge to Crack Down on Criminal Enforcement," republished in *New Orleans CityBusiness* (January 2022)



Speaking Engagements

- Panelist – "Tips for Developing Business as a Young Lawyer," Maryland State Bar Association, Young Lawyers' Section (February 2023)
- Moderator – "Private Equity Ownership: The Government's New Target in Long Term Care Enforcement," 2022 Baker Donelson Long Term Care Symposium (November 2022)
- "Congress Cares (Act): Expect Oversight Investigations," Celesq® Webcast (July 2020)



Webinars

- Conducting Workplace Investigations – Part II (September 2021)
- Congress CARES: Expect Oversight Investigations (July 2020)



Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., 2014, cum laude
- University of Delaware, B.S., 2011, with honors



Admissions

- Maryland (2014)
- District of Columbia (2022)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2021)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2016)