

Anthony M. Ruiz

Partner

Anthony M. Ruiz represents individuals and corporations in complex civil litigation in state and federal courts and in government investigations involving the U.S. Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other government and regulatory agencies. He also advises lawyers, law firms, and other organizations on professional ethics and represents lawyers in disciplinary investigations. Anthony has played lead roles in several high-profile cases, including representing a national pharmacy chain facing thousands of suits by state and local governments seeking to recover costs alleged to have been caused by the distribution of prescription opioids. As part of that work, he served as a key member of the Zuckerman Spaeder trial team in the first jury trial in the nationwide opioid multi-district litigation against chain pharmacies. Anthony was also a member of the Zuckerman Spaeder trial team that represented six families and their nine minor children in litigation against a religious institution which they claimed enabled and promoted a serial sexual predator. During trial, he examined multiple witnesses, helped develop trial strategy, and prepared witnesses to testify.

In addition to his litigation work, Anthony is a member of the firm's Associate Hiring Committee and has previously served as a member of the Planning Committee for the National Institute on White Collar Crime, which organizes the American Bar Association's annual white collar criminal defense conference. Prior to joining the firm, Anthony served as a law clerk to Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Before that, he worked as an associate at an international law firm, representing corporate clients in internal and government investigations, as well as debtors and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings.

Professional leadership

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation - Securities (Ones to Watch)

Bar admissions

- District of Columbia



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Practice focus

- White Collar Defense
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
- Investigations
- Legal Profession and Ethics
- Plaintiffs and Class Actions
- Securities and Commodities Litigation

Education

- New York University School of Law, J.D., 2014
 - Managing Editor of Administration, *New York University Law Review*
- University of Maryland at College Park, B.S., 2009

- New York

Court admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Clerkships

- Hon. Cecilia M. Altonaga, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Representative matters

- Represents a national pharmacy chain in defense of thousands of suits by state and local governments to recover costs alleged to have been caused by the shipment and dispensing of prescription opioids.
- Represented six families and their nine minor children in litigation against religious institution who alleged that they were sexually abused by a serial predator whom the church enabled and promoted as a babysitter. The case settled after ten weeks of trial.
- Obtained judgment against a financial predator who fraudulently obtained nearly \$25,000 from a developmentally disabled individual over the course of a year.