

# Jason M. Knott

Partner

Jason M. Knott, a litigator with 14 years of experience, represents companies and individuals in high-stakes civil and criminal disputes.

Jason has a broad-ranging civil practice, with particular emphasis on matters involving employment, insurance, and health care. In addition to litigation, Jason helps executives and employers in negotiating employment agreements and departures.

Jason is the co-founder and editor of *Suits by Suits*, a legal blog about controversies between executives and their employers.

Jason has assisted clients in responding to investigations by governmental entities, including the Department of Justice, Securities & Exchange Commission, Committees of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Congressional Ethics, and he is also experienced in internal investigations.

## Professional leadership

- Barrister, William B. Bryant American Inn of Court
- Treasurer, Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit

## Bar admissions

- District of Columbia
- North Carolina (inactive)

## Court admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

## Representative matters

- Negotiated numerous severance and employment



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## Practice focus

- Business Litigation
- Congressional investigations
- White Collar Defense
- Employment Law and Litigation
- False Claims Act (FCA)
- Health Care
- Plaintiffs and Class Actions
- Procurement fraud

## Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2003
  - *Journal of Law and Technology*
- University of North Carolina, B.A., with distinction, 2000
  - Morehead-Cain Scholar
  - Phi Beta Kappa



agreements on behalf of individual executives, and advised executives on compliance with non-competes and other provisions.

- Advises employers, officers, and directors concerning terminations, whistleblower responses, and the conduct of internal investigations.
- Represents patients and providers in ERISA and antitrust class actions challenging insurers' administrative fee charges, utilization review policies, and restrictions on competition.
- Represents insurance underwriters in insurance coverage and subrogation actions related to lead paint claims.
- Represented Matthew Lawlor, former CEO of an online banking company, against his former employer in a breach of contract dispute. After an 11-day trial in which Jason cross-examined several key witnesses, the jury awarded Mr. Lawlor a \$5.3 million verdict. The case was recognized by Virginia Lawyers Weekly as one of "Virginia's Largest Verdicts of 2011."
- Represented the former partner of an investment firm in his lawsuit for breach of an agreement related to his economic participation in that firm. The jury awarded our client \$1.1 million for the investment firm's breach of contract, and the court granted our motion for summary judgment on the investment firm's counterclaim for breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented a class of plaintiffs in an action involving allegations of fraud in the sale of limited-benefit insurance policies. The Arkansas Supreme Court affirmed class certification, and the firm achieved a settlement for the class that was valued in excess of \$40 million.
- Represented client in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Federal Reserve.
- Represented a member of Congress in highly publicized congressional investigations and an inquiry by the Office of Congressional Ethics.

