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John Schwab draws upon his experience as a Marine Corps Officer and over two decades as a trial attorney when representing individuals and companies. He is an experienced litigator in the areas of commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense, government investigations, and internal investigations.

He represents corporate and individual clients in a wide range of civil and criminal cases, including regulatory and enforcement matters investigated and prosecuted by the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and numerous federal and state agencies. Many of the cases involve alleged violations of federal and state laws, including money laundering, bank and lender fraud, tax fraud and evasion, procurement and contracting fraud, environmental offenses, mortgage fraud, trade secret theft, health care fraud, DBE fraud, public corruption, mail and wire fraud, and conspiracy.

His civil practice extends to matters including commercial disputes, shareholder actions, corporate waste and breaches of fiduciary duty, intellectual property and trade secrets, employment, False Claims Act (qui tam), and other complex commercial litigation. Mr. Schwab's litigation practice includes an emphasis on electronic discovery and the impact of technology in civil and white collar criminal cases.

Mr. Schwab has been recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in the category of White Collar Criminal Defense since 2018. Prior to that, he was named as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star since 2013. Mr. Schwab's accolades began in 2011 when he was selected as a leader of Pennsylvania's legal community by The Legal Intelligencer as a "Lawyer on the Fast Track." More recently, in 2025, he was selected as a Fellow in the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County.

He earned substantial litigation and trial experience serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, including as the Chief Trial Attorney at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. During his tenure with the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Schwab served as trial counsel for 10 jury trials to verdict and more than 20 bench trials.

In 2007, Mr. Schwab served as the Battalion Judge Advocate in Fallujah, Iraq for 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 6 for the U.S. Marine Corps. As the sole legal counsel for the battalion, he advised commanders on internal investigations, fiscal law, intelligence reports, criminal justice and other legal compliance matters. He had direct oversight over the unit's internal investigations which encompassed a wide range of subjects, including fraud, property loss, and employment disputes.

Mr. Schwab is an active member of the Federal Court Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, including service as an Officer (2017-2022) including Chair (2021-2022). He was also selected twice by the Chief Judge for service on the Local Rules Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Education

- J.D., Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University
- B.S., Grove City College
  - Accounting major

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court – Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court – Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court – Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court – Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court – Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Tax Court

Representative Civil Matters:

- Financial institution for civil fraud claims, including successful defense at trial
- Health care provider in civil lawsuit involving alleged theft of trade secrets and confidential data
- Pittsburgh counsel to large healthcare system in 21-day jury trial in federal court against publicly-traded actuarial and employee benefits companies
- Telecommunications firm in suit to preserve access to its communications facility, including successfully obtaining injunctive relief at contested hearing
- Corporation and its president in breach of contract lawsuit concerning the sale of aircraft to government agency, including successful defense at trial
- Investigation by the SEC's Enforcement Division into alleged related party transactions
- Minority-owned business for civil False Claims Act claims involving alleged kickbacks
- Manufacturer-fabricator of rifle parts in contract dispute concerning industrial drilling machine
- SEC investigation into alleged misappropriation of client funds by broker-dealer, concluding with a favorable resolution when the SEC did not recommend action
- Physicians and medical providers facing potential loss of privileges, credentials, or licenses
- Physician in False Claims Act investigation related to compensation agreement with laboratory including settlement of FCA allegations and subsequent licensing and credentialing matters
- Financial institution's employee in internal investigation for alleged theft of corporate data
- Member of trial team representing global pharmaceutical company in lawsuit concerning disqualification of law firm representing competitor in hostile takeover; successfully obtained preliminary injunction
- Pittsburgh counsel to worldwide coffee company and coffeehouse chain in multi-district patent litigation concerning mobile payment applications/software
- Pittsburgh counsel in False Claims Act employment retaliation matter

Representative Criminal Matters:

- Physician facing IRS investigation and subsequent federal criminal tax charges for failure to pay over employment taxes; sentenced to probation despite $1.1 million tax bill owed to the IRS
- Doctors, and their staff, under criminal investigations for alleged over-prescribing of opioids and Schedule II drugs by DOJ, FBI, DEA and state Attorneys General
- Business owner charged with federal tax evasion by the IRS and U.S. Attorney's Office
- Small business owner for alleged violations of federal criminal statutes and civil False Claims Act
- CEO of telecommunications company in federal investigation by FBI and Department of Education
- Administrator of medical practice in international tax investigation by the IRS Criminal Investigation Division
- Office manager indicted on mortgage fraud charges including loss and sentencing hearings
- Pharmacy owner in joint FDA-DOJ investigation into alleged health care fraud and violations of federal Food, Drug, & Cosmetic Act, including distribution of misbranded and illegally-imported medication
- Physician facing federal investigation related to medical necessity of procedures
- Energy supplier in an internal investigation into improper billing practices by employees
- Estimator in investigation by U.S. Department of Justice and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation into allegedly improper use of a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) for construction projects
- Former Department of Defense employee targeted in a federal investigation for role in military procurement
- Manager of medical practice and medical device distributor in investigation by DOJ, FBI, and Secret Service into bankruptcy fraud allegations
- Warehouse manager in investigation by U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General into alleged violations of regulations regarding transporting hazardous materials
- Steel supplier in a federal investigation into alleged DBE fraud in federal and state construction projects
- Chief of Police facing criminal charges by the Pennsylvania Attorney General for alleged falsification of records
- U.S. government contracting officer charged with receipt of bribes and kickbacks
- Individuals charged with making false statements or misrepresentations to government investigators