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Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1983

- Notes and Comments Editor, *Emory Law Journal*

Brown University, A.B., 1980; Honors in History

Previous Experience

Law Clerk, Judge William C. O'Kelley, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 1983-1985

Admissions

State Bar of Georgia
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

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John Floyd represents plaintiffs and defendants at the trial and appellate levels in cases involving business torts, the federal and state Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statutes, health care and professional liability. He also conducts internal investigations for institutional clients.

John is the author of the only book on state RICO statutes, *RICO State by State: A Guide to Litigation Under the State Racketeering Statutes* (American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law 2011 and 1998). He also served as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia in its largest RICO prosecution and the companion civil RICO forfeiture action and was a Special Assistant District Attorney in the successful prosecution of Sidney Dorsey, the former sheriff of DeKalb County, Georgia, on charges including murder and RICO. After the Dorsey case, John was made a member of the National District Attorneys Association's Heavy Hitters club for his "outstanding work in prosecuting a complicated, difficult, high-profile case that ends with a guilty verdict." He then successfully argued for the affirmance of that conviction before the Georgia Supreme Court.

John is a frequent lecturer, and has published numerous articles on business litigation issues such as RICO, the False Claims Act, and internal investigations. He has also served as chair of Georgia's ICLE RICO Seminar and as a co-chair of Georgia ICLE's Internal Investigations Seminar. John is often asked to speak with district attorneys organizations on RICO and White Collar Crime topics.

Representative Work

RICO plaintiffs

- Successfully represented a natural resources entity in obtaining an injunction preventing unauthorized mining on the clients property.
- Successfully represented a county school district in an investigation of fraud and waste in the construction and renovation of school buildings that resulted in recoveries and savings of several million dollars.
- Represented a putative class in a federal and Georgia RICO action involving the employment of illegal workers.

RICO defendants

- Obtained dismissals in six cases in a row over the last three years.
- Represented a publicly traded corporation and its subsidiary in an investigation concerning alleged receipt of stolen property.
- Represented a defendant accused of participating in a major theft ring; the case was settled at a relatively low amount, re-establishing a business relationship between the defendant and the plaintiff company, and insulating the defendant from a pending criminal investigation.

RICO as special prosecutor

- Helped prosecute administrators and educators involved in cheating on standardized tests in the Atlanta School System. The case resulted in 21 guilty pleas, 11 convictions (including 11 Georgia RICO conspiracy convictions) and one acquittal.

- Helped convict the former sheriff of DeKalb County, Georgia who ordered the murder of his elected successor; successfully defended the conviction in Georgia Supreme Court.
- Helped convict two members of the faculty at The Medical College of Georgia who had stolen over \$10 million in research funds; recovered 99 percent of the stolen funds.

Professional Activities

Special Assistant District Attorney, Augusta, Brunswick, Cobb, Dougherty, Rome, Fulton and Stone Mountain Judicial Districts (various times)

Special Assistant Attorney General, State of Georgia, 1997-2000

Member, Fulton County Board of Ethics, 1998-2004

Member, Civil RICO Report Editorial Advisory Board

Master, Lumpkin American Inn of Court

Member, Trial Law Institute

Member, Diversity Law Institute

Honors & Awards

Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Leading Lawyer for Business, *Chambers USA*

Named in *Best Lawyers in America*

Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers, *Atlanta Magazine*

Ahmed Dabarran Public Service Award: Office of the Fulton County District Attorney, 2014

President's Award, Georgia Gang Investigators Association, 2009

National District Attorneys Association Heavy Hitter's Award, 2003

Distinguished Service Award, District Attorneys' Association of Georgia, 2002