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Areas of Practice

- CORPORATE
 - Health Law
- HEALTH LAW
- LITIGATION - CIVIL
 - Commercial
 - Health Law

Industries

- Healthcare

Education

- J.D., *with honors*, Florida State University, 1987
- M.B.A., Florida State University, 1987
- B.S., *cum laude*, Florida State University, 1984

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- Tennessee

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth and Eleventh Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court

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Mr. Sutton is Board Certified by The Florida Bar as a Health Law Attorney. A member of both the Litigation and Health Law Practice Groups, he is a trial lawyer who represents entities in criminal, civil and administrative disputes, including actions brought by government agencies and enforcement authorities. His practice focuses on commercial disputes, health care law and litigation, civil false claims and whistleblower actions, and white-collar criminal defense. During his career, Mr. Sutton has represented individuals and businesses in litigation and investigations brought by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and State Medicaid Fraud Control Units. He is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and was named to the 2007-2009 editions of The Best Lawyers in America for Health Care Law.

Mr. Sutton also serves as the General Counsel for two proprietary healthcare companies with operations throughout the United States. As General Counsel to these entities, Mr. Sutton provides legal counsel on contractual, regulatory, compliance, employment and litigation matters. Mr. Sutton draws on his experience as a general counsel to handle challenges and resolve disputes facing companies operating in highly-regulated environments.

Mr. Sutton began his legal career as a criminal trial counsel with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, and served with the 24th Infantry Division during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Following military service, he joined the Florida Attorney General's Office, serving first in the Economic Crimes Unit (RICO Section) and later as the Major Case Counsel to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. In that capacity, he settled the first suit filed under the Florida False Claims Act, and represented the Attorney General's Office during the State of Florida's landmark suit against the tobacco companies. Immediately prior to entering private practice, Mr. Sutton served as an Assistant General Counsel to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, where he handled cases involving fraud and abuse, reimbursement, quality of care, and regulatory compliance.

Publications

- AMENDMENT 7 BATTLES HEAT UP THE COURTS AND LEGISLATURE
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- ATTORNEY GENERAL AND PUBLIC HOSPITALS SUE TENET
- WHAT TO DO WHEN THE WOLF IS AT THE DOOR

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Criminal Justice, Health Law and Litigation Sections
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Florida Academy of Healthcare Attorneys
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Seminole County Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Health Law Section
- The Florida Bar Health Law Section

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News

- 23 RUDEN McCLOSKEY ATTORNEYS INCLUDED IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2009
- TWENTY-NINE RUDEN McCLOSKEY ATTORNEYS NAMED IN FLORIDA SUPER LAWYERS 2008