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Dan Donovan specializes in congressional, state attorneys general and parallel government investigations. A former Chief Investigative Counsel in the Senate, Dan is a partner in our Government Advocacy and Congressional Investigations practices perennially recognized by *Chambers USA*: “King & Spalding is best known for its impressive congressional investigations practice, with several dedicated members working exclusively in this area.” Dan has two decades of crisis management experience with government investigations, involving significant legal, public relations and political risks.

Dan represents leading companies, individuals, trade associations, and nonprofit entities and provides effective crisis management counsel. He works at the forefront of controversial and politicized national and state policy issues that frequently lead to investigations and litigation, including congressional, multi-state and federal agency enforcement actions. Particularly experienced in anticipating and responding to congressional committee requests and subpoenas, Dan prepares clients for high-profile hearings and guides them through the unique challenges presented by congressional and parallel government investigations.

Before joining the firm, Dan served as Senior Investigative Counsel to Senator Charles Grassley, current Chairman of Committee on Finance. While serving in the U.S. Senate, Dan managed congressional investigations and oversight hearings. In this role, Dan directed investigations focused on statutory and regulatory compliance, including drug and device safety, drug pricing, and waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare, Medicaid and other government programs. He also handled policy and legislative matters, including the False Claims Act, the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, Medicare and Medicaid programs, and related statutes. Dan also served as Chief Investigative Counsel to the Senate Committee on Small Business, where he managed consumer fraud and small business protection investigations and hearings. He began his congressional career as a Staff Assistant on the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, chaired by Senator Fred Thompson, working on the special investigation into the 1996 federal election campaigns.

Dan also provides strategic policy and legislative counsel, and is a frequent speaker on congressional oversight and investigations.

Matters

Providing advice and counsel with respect to congressional oversight activity to **the leading pharmaceutical industry trade association and to leading companies in the healthcare, pharmaceutical, medical device, accounting, defense, energy, food, and insurance industries.**

Representing **a variety of clients** in connection with investigations relating to allegations of government fraud, food and product safety and recalls, product pricing, clinical research, off-label promotion, direct-to-consumer advertising, payments to physicians, and financial conflicts of interest.

Representing **multiple pharmaceutical companies** in connection with congressional and state attorneys general drug pricing investigations.

Representing **Pfizer Inc.** in connection with congressional investigations.

Representing **Toyota** in investigations and hearings by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee relating to allegations of unintended acceleration and recalls of certain vehicles with Takata air bag inflators.

Representing **a variety of clients** on healthcare policy and legislative issues.

Represented **a major university and pharmaceutical company** in connection with the Select Panel on Infant Lives (authorized under the House Energy and Commerce Committee) investigation relating to fetal tissue research.

Represented **a global financial institution** in connection with an investigation by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, regarding international tax matters.

Represented **a Big Four accounting firm** in a Senate Finance Committee investigation of a University's handling of federal funds.

Represented **multiple pharmaceutical companies** in House and Senate investigations related to Affordable Care Act enactment and implementation.

Represented **medical device companies** in connection with House and Senate committee investigations into 510(k) regulatory issues, direct-to-consumer advertising, and payments to physicians.

Represented **a leading clean energy technology company** in connection with a Senate investigation into Department of Energy grant program.

Represented **a major oil company** in connection with congressional investigations.

Represented **a health insurer** in House and Senate investigations related to Affordable Care Act implementation.

Represented **a coalition of food product companies** in connection with congressional inquiries relating to food safety and regulatory issues.

Represented **a medical society** in connection with Senate committee investigations in payments to physicians.

Represented individuals in connection with House and Senate committee inquiries and ethics

investigations.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., American University
B.A., University of Rochester

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
Maryland

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

July 30, 2020

Trump Administration Continues to Promote Drug Importation as a Way to Lower the Cost of Prescription Drugs

May 6, 2020

Congressional Oversight of COVID-19 Serological Testing

April 27, 2020

With New Select Investigative Subcommittee, House Democrats Double Down on COVID-19 Oversight

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Events

CONFERENCE

November 13, 2018

11th Annual King & Spalding Pharmaceutical University

WEBINAR

May 21, 2020

Congressional Investigations: A Bipartisan Conversation With Chief Counsels During the COVID-19 Pandemic

November 28, 2018

Washington Insight: What Will Election 2018 Mean for Healthcare, Medical Device and Pharma Companies

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News

IN THE NEWS

November 9, 2018 • Source: Bloomberg BNA

Dan Donovan discusses how major law firms are preparing clients for possible new hearings and investigations in the U.S. House in January

RECOGNITION

June 15, 2020

King & Spalding Earns Top-Tier Rankings in Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide