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FBT Gibbons Adds Michael Ruggio as Partner in Washington, D.C. Office, Expanding Healthcare and Investigations Capabilities

FBT Gibbons has expanded its healthcare and investigations capabilities with the addition of [Michael Ruggio](#), who has joined its Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the [Business & Commercial Litigation](#) practice group. Ruggio brings extensive experience in healthcare litigation, regulatory compliance, and white-collar investigations, bolstering the firm's national healthcare platform in key markets across the U.S.

"Mike's experience as a former DOJ prosecutor and Assistant U.S. Attorney, combined with decades of work in healthcare enforcement and complex litigation, makes him an exceptional resource for our clients," said [Peter M. Cummins](#), leader of the FBT Gibbons' Business & Commercial Litigation practice group. "He has a proven track record leading high-profile matters involving Medicare and Medicaid fraud, multi-district qui tam actions, and large-scale federal investigations, including serving as lead counsel in one of the largest healthcare carrier verdicts in the United States. His experience defending hospitals, pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, and other healthcare providers in complex enforcement actions not only further strengthens our national healthcare platform but also enhances the firm's ability to provide strategic, practical guidance across multiple markets."

Ruggio joins FBT Gibbons from Taylor Duma, where he led a healthcare litigation practice representing clients in a broad array of enforcement, regulatory, and compliance matters. His work spans healthcare fraud and abuse, False Claims Act litigation, antitrust issues, Stark and Anti-Kickback compliance, HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), reimbursement disputes, medical necessity challenges, pharmaceutical pricing matters, and e-health cases. He has also represented clients in federal investigations involving the Federal Trade Commission (FTC),

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as in white-collar and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) matters.

“Michael brings exactly the kind of experience our clients need in today’s complex healthcare environment,” said **Jonathan S. Miller**, Partner-in-Charge of FBT Gibbons’ Washington, D.C. office. “His regulatory insight, shaped by decades of work in healthcare fraud, enforcement, and compliance, combined with his thought leadership in emerging technologies such as AI, telehealth, and blockchain, positions him to guide clients through increasingly complex regulatory and operational challenges all while fostering meaningful collaboration across the firms practice groups.”

Ruggio also advises clients on cutting-edge developments in telehealth, AI, and blockchain-enabled healthcare technology, areas that are transforming the delivery and regulation of healthcare services nationwide. He serves as Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School, teaching the first blockchain healthcare course offered at a law school, and brings strong connections to Pittsburgh and Nashville to cultivate client relationships and new business opportunities.

“I’m excited to join FBT Gibbons at such a pivotal moment for the firm, coming on the heels of the combination,” said Ruggio. “The team’s commitment to collaboration, strategic thinking, and exceptional client service strongly aligns with how I approach my practice. I look forward to contributing to the firm’s expanding healthcare platform, helping clients navigate enforcement and compliance challenges, and supporting the firm’s growing capabilities in emerging healthcare technologies.”

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