

Blank Rome Welcomes White Collar Partner Jennifer Short in Washington, D.C.

Blank Rome LLP is pleased to announce that Jennifer Short has joined the firm's Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the White Collar Defense & Investigations group. Short represents government contractors, healthcare providers, and others in highly regulated industries that are susceptible to government investigations and enforcement actions. Short joins Blank Rome from the litigation boutique KaiserDillon PLLC. Prior to that role, Short was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia where she spent eight years on the Affirmative Civil Enforcement team, prosecuting civil False Claims Act cases.

Short helps companies and individuals identify, mitigate, and avoid legal risks in-line with key business needs and objectives. From her years with the Department of Justice, Short has a deep understanding of the often complex and sometimes nuanced circumstance that can lead to disputes under the civil False Claims Act, one of the federal government's most powerful enforcement tools. Short has the rare distinction of having tried False Claims Act cases on behalf of the United States and for the defense. Before her public service, Short was a partner in Holland & Knight's litigation, white collar criminal defense, and compliance practices, where she worked with clients to navigate both the direct and collateral consequences of government investigations and commercial disputes.

At Blank Rome, Short will collaborate with the firm's government contracts practice and its experienced white collar litigators. In addition, she will focus on bringing her experience in healthcare fraud matters to private equity firms investing in healthcare companies, guiding them through the

added layers of due diligence and operations integration required in such a highly regulated industry.

Short earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and her A.B. from Duke University.