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John Loar focuses his practice on healthcare regulatory and litigation matters, commercial litigation, tort litigation, real estate litigation, and administrative litigation. John represents a diverse set of clients, from business leaders to healthcare professionals, in regulatory matters such as license revocation cases.

John represents clients in the healthcare industry to resolve administrative issues related to skilled nursing and assisted living facility licensing, including interpreting and navigating rules and statutes; obtaining variances from rules; helping navigate hang-ups in the license application process; and representing clients in resolving license application denials via formal or informal processes. John's cross-industry representation experience includes protesting decisions made by state agencies and local government, and contract litigation and enforcement, including breach of contract cases and government contracts. John has successfully defended numerous complex tort claims seeking millions of dollars in damages, including defending tort claims at trial, prevailing on dispositive motions pre-trial, and in some cases prevailing on motions for summary judgment prior to ever filing an answer. John also has experience litigating breach of warranty claims and advising on compliance with the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act. Additionally, John handles all phases of commercial leasing, including lease preparation, negotiation, enforcement, and litigation.

Notable Work

Administrative Matters:

- Assisted numerous assisted living and skilled nursing facilities in navigating an emergency rule requiring the installation of generators and obtained sufficient variances to avoid administrative penalties during implementation.
- Successfully protested government agency's failure to award a contract in a bid dispute challenge.
- Successfully overturned a license revocation on appeal.

Areas of Experience

Healthcare
Healthcare Licensure and Compliance
Healthcare Fraud and Abuse
Healthcare Legislation and Government Affairs
Healthcare Litigation
Hospitals and Health Systems
Medicare, Medicaid, and Third Party Reimbursement
Pharmacy, Drugs, and Medical Devices
Senior Living and Care

Education

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2013, cum laude
B.A., Flagler College, 2011
B.S., Florida State University, 2007

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

All Florida State Courts
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

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December 02, 2024

Akerman Sponsors Florida State University Business of Healthcare Summit
January 26, 2024

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August 22, 2023

- Successfully challenged a rule promulgated on an emergency basis in a high publicity case.
- Successfully challenged local government decision to terminate a contract for cause.

Civil Litigation:

- Successfully represented government contractor in obtaining a seven–figure judgment in complicated breach of contract case involving issues of sovereign immunity.
- Successfully defended client as first chair in seven–figure tort claim, obtaining summary judgment without ever filing an answer.
- Successfully defended against tort and breach of contract claims related to a real estate transaction, ultimately prevailing at trial and recovering a judgment for attorneys' fees on behalf of his client.
- Obtained a significant judgment on behalf of clients in a jury trial of a complicated eminent domain case, where damages exceeded the amount of money offered by the condemning authority for the property by hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Successfully tried complicated non–monetary commercial eviction, obtaining summary eviction and fees for commercial landlord.

Data Privacy:

- Advised entities who have suffered data breach events, such as ransomware and social engineering events, and guided them through final resolution.

Related Professional Experience

- Agency for Health Care Administration: Medicaid Therapy Services Analyst, 2010-2011; Medical Health Care Program Analyst, 2009-2010; Durable Medical Equipment Prior-Authorization Coordinator, 2007-2009

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers,* 2023-2025, Listed in Florida for Commercial Litigation as "One to Watch"