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Mr. Stevenson joined Hagens Berman in 2007 and has litigated and argued several cases in both federal district courts and at the court of appeals. He is currently helping to spearhead the firm's False Claims Act (FCA) whistleblower practice, including handling the qui tam lawsuit filed in the District of Massachusetts against global medical device maker Medtronic for its alleged violations of the FCA relating to its biliary stent medical devices designed and promoted off-label. Mr. Stevenson previously handled FCA litigation in the Eastern District of New York challenging Pfizer's unlawful off-label marketing of Lipitor, and now-settled litigation in the District of New Jersey that recovered fraudulently obtained Medicare Outlier payments from several hospitals. He is also handling a number of FCA suits now under seal across the country.

Mr. Stevenson, with Steve Berman, is also helping lead plaintiffs' efforts against the Rio Tinto mining conglomerate in a suit brought under the Alien Tort Statute for gross violations of customary international law in Papua New Guinea. A second decision from an en banc panel of the Ninth Circuit is currently pending. Mr. Stevenson also recently helped successfully settle multi-district litigation brought on behalf of 800,000 Postal employees for violations of their rights under the Privacy Act (ending the Postal program challenged in the action) as well as a putative class action suit brought against British Airways on behalf of travelers under the Montreal Convention.

Mr. Stevenson graduated first in his class from Gonzaga University in 1996 (summa cum laude) with a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science. He was recognized nationally as a Truman Scholar in 1995. Mr. Stevenson graduated from Yale Law School in 2000. While at Yale, he was co-founder and director of the YLS Workers' Rights Project. While director, the Project drafted and filed a successful petition on behalf of thousands of immigrant workers under the NAFTA labor side agreement (with the endorsement of the AFL-CIO, ACLU, and numerous other civil and labor rights groups). The Project also supported local labor organizing efforts, and collaborated with labor rights groups to fight against sweatshops in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Additionally, he served as submissions editor of the Yale Law and Policy Review, participated in the Greenhaven Prison Project (a prisoner rehabilitation effort in New York), and represented tenants in New Haven against landlord abuse. He also was an intern in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Connecticut.



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Mr. Stevenson then completed two federal clerkships. First, as a law clerk to the Hon. Charles S. Haight, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2000-01); then as a law clerk for the Hon. Betty B. Fletcher, of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (2001-02).

Following his clerkships, Mr. Stevenson developed his skills as a trial lawyer while working as a felony prosecutor in Seattle (2002-2006), successfully prosecuting hundreds of felony cases, including crimes of armed robbery, rape, murder, and assault in the first degree. He ended his tenure with an emphasis on the most egregious crimes of domestic violence.

He is admitted to practice in the State of Washington.