

The False Claims Act Enforcement and Investigations

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FCA Enforcement Stats

\$4.7 B Settlements & judgments \$2.5 B Healthcare fraud \$519 M Whistleblower recovery Cases filed by whistleblowers

Federal False Claims Act

1863	FCA targets corruption by private contractors to the Union Army
1986	Amendments lower burden of proof and relax prior knowledge bar
2009	Amendments expand liability and reach of FCA
2010	Additional amendments

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Whistleblower

"Use a rogue to catch a rogue."

- Actions brought on behalf of the federal government by a private party having direct knowledge of the fraud
- Whistleblowers or "qui tam relators" may receive up to 30% of recovery



Liability

Imposes civil liability on a person or corporation that

- Knowingly presents, or causes to be presented, a false or fraudulent claim for payment or approval;
- Knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used, a false record or statement material to a false or fraudulent claim; or
- Conspires to commit a False Claims Act violation
- And more ...

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"Knowing" or "Knowingly"

- Means that persons or corporations, with respect to information
 - Have actual knowledge of the information;
 - Act in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the information; or
 - Act in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information; and
- Requires no proof of specific intent to defraud





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