

WHISTLEBLOWERS STOPPING FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT



Whistleblowers are people who speak out about wrongdoing to put an end to fraud, waste or abuse.



The government relies heavily on government contractors for key services provided to citizens and the military. When contractors exploit those agreements, whistleblowers are vital to stopping the fraud.

QUI TAM SUITS AND THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT

- When someone witnesses fraud against the government and/or taxpayers, they can file a qui tam suit - a lawsuit on behalf of the government.
- Through the False Claims Act (FCA), a law passed during the Civil War to stop fraudulent government contractors, these claims offer whistleblowers a vital opportunity to speak out.
- If their claims are successful, whistleblowers can be rewarded up to 30% of the recovered amount.



THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT IS USED TO STOP ABUSE IN:



THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY



FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS



THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY



DEFENSE SPENDING



THE HOUSING & MORTGAGE INDUSTRY

HOW MUCH IS AT STAKE?

- In the Fiscal Year 2016, the Justice Department recovered over \$4.7 billion from FCA cases.
- Of those recoveries, nearly \$3 billion came from qui tam suits filed by whistleblowers.
- In reward for their efforts, whistleblowers received a total of \$519 million.



Fraud, abuse and waste cost taxpayers billions of dollars every year. Whistleblowers provide a public service by filing qui tam suits to shed light on fraud and recover taxpayers' money.

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE FACTS NEEDED TO BRING A WHISTLEBLOWER CASE?

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