

Practices & Industries

False Claims Act Defense

Overview

Our White Collar Defense and Investigations lawyers have vigorously and successfully defended companies with respect to claims and investigations under the False Claims Act.

As substantial press in recent years has made clear, claims asserted and recoveries obtained under the False Claims Act have increased dramatically. According to a recent report by the Department of Justice, well over $4.5 billion in settlements and judgments was recovered as a result of civil matters relating to fraud and false claims against the government in one recent fiscal year alone. Much of the impetus for this growth relates to provisions of the False Claims Act that authorizes suits by whistleblowers, or *qui tam* plaintiffs, on behalf of the government and that impose mandatory damages and civil penalties. Likewise, government investigations, in connection with False Claims Act litigation and with criminal prohibitions on fraudulent claims on the United States, have become increasingly active.

In this context, lawyers in Day Pitney's White Collar Defense and Investigations practice have defended False Claims Act cases involving relators and government investigators, and have defended criminal investigations concerning false or fraudulent claims against the government. Our work in this area has resulted in the dismissal of False Claims Act litigation as well as the favorable resolution of government investigations.

Experience

No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the highest court of any state. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

- Defense of civil claims asserted by *qui tam* plaintiff against large defense contractor.
- Defense of claims asserted by government and relators against major energy companies.
- Defense of false claims investigation of healthcare provider.
- Defense of false claims investigation of medical school.