



## Veronica Nannis

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*"I represent whistleblowers from all around the country; together we uncover and fight fraud."*

A principal in Joseph, Greenwald & Laake's Civil Litigation department, Veronica Nannis is a seasoned litigator who takes on fraud.

For more than 10 years, Veronica has represented employees who blow the whistle on employers defrauding the government. She files suit under the False Claims Act in district courts all around the country, primarily focusing on health care fraud and all sorts of illegal kickback schemes.

Her typical whistleblower clients are employees with personal knowledge of the fraud. These may be sales representatives, physicians, nurses, physical therapists or compliance officers who, despite reporting internally, cannot get employers to stop the Medicare or Medicaid fraud the whistleblowers see every day. Veronica's clients are often put in compromising positions by their employers. Faced with the choice of participating in the fraud or reporting and stopping it, a brave few choose to report. That is when they need a skilled attorney who will prosecute the fraud while protecting the whistleblower from retaliation.

Fraudsters are creative, but some of the typical Medicare or Medicaid fraud may include:

- Paying kickbacks, referral fees or quid pro quo arrangements;
- Up-coding or wrongful coding to up reimbursement;
- Providing unnecessary medical procedures;
- Upping RUG rates or HHRG scores to increase Medicare payments;
- Billing for services that were not provided; and
- False and off-label marketing and promotion.

As an example, Veronica filed suit against NuVasive, Inc., a major medical device company, representing one of its sales representatives, an employee-turned-whistleblower. This

### Practice Areas

Whistleblower (False Claims Act, Qui Tam)  
Labor & Employment  
Civil Rights  
Civil Litigation  
Appellate  
Administrative Litigation  
Arbitration and Mediation  
Class Action Lawsuits  
Commercial and Business Litigation  
Insurance Litigation  
Public Regulation  
Job Discrimination  
Wrongful Termination

### Education

Catholic University of America  
Columbus School of Law, J.D.,  
2002  
Catholic University of America,  
M.A., 2002  
George Washington University,  
B.A., 1997

### Bar Admissions

### Court Admissions

Maryland  
District of Columbia

complaint exposed an alleged nationwide illegal kickback scheme and false, off-label promotion. Working in close partnership with the government, a compromise was reached in 2015 resulting in a \$13.5 million payment back to the Federal and state governments and the taxpayers.

In 2015, Veronica and JGL's team filed suit against 10 major banks and other defendants, alleging a fraudulent real estate settlement services kickback scheme. In February 2016, the Court preliminarily approved a settlement with Wells Fargo to pay back over \$16 million to class members, the first defendant to settle in this ongoing action.

If you have personal knowledge of fraud or a false claim presented to the government, please contact a whistleblower attorney from JGL for a free, confidential case consultation.

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