

## Whistleblower (False Claims Act, Qui Tam)

Government contractors who submit false or inflated claims waste taxpayers' money and strain the limited resources of essential government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and national defense. The qui tam lawyers of Joseph, Greenwald & Laake believe that members of the public who are willing to stand up and report corruption play a critical role in protecting the integrity of our government. With one of the nation's most successful qui tam practices, JGL has been fighting for whistleblowers' protection for more than two decades.

Attorneys Tim Maloney, Jay Holland, Brian Markovitz, and Veronica Nannis lead JGL's team of preeminent qui tam litigators. Their efforts have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for the U.S. government and millions of dollars in settlements for whistleblowers who refuse to remain silent when they witness fraud. JGL's qui tam lawyers have extensive experience in litigating claims under the federal False Claims Act and similar state laws that protect the rights of people who report misuse of government funds. JGL has a demonstrated track record of obtaining compensation for whistleblowers and protecting them from retaliation.

Among JGL's many high-profile qui tam cases, the firm represented an employee of a government contractor in Afghanistan who had information about sham subcontracts that funneled money to fictitious companies run by the contractor's wife. The case uncovered fraudulent subcontracts worth nearly \$20 million and led to the indictment of the contractor, as well as a substantial settlement for the client.

The firm also has broad experience in litigating whistleblower claims in the health care realm. For instance, the firm's work on behalf of a whistleblower who reported pharmaceutical company Allergan for off-label marketing of Botox resulted in the drug-maker paying \$600 million in civil and criminal fines. The firm also litigated, in partnership with the federal government, a suit against TranS1 Inc., a spinal implant manufacturer that was accused of submitting false claims to Medicare. That case resulted in the company paying a \$6 million fine and, more importantly, changing its policies and practices to protect patients' health and safety.

It takes great courage to blow the whistle on corruption, especially when the wrongdoer is your employer. When

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contemplating coming forward with information about misuse of government funds, having a strong advocate on your side makes all the difference. Joseph, Greenwald & Laake's distinguished qui tam litigators are committed to being those advocates.