

## ***False Claims Act Lawyer: How to find and select a False Claims Act Lawyer to represent you in filing a whistleblower reward case under the False Claims Act***

This article addresses how to find, select or choose your False Claims Act lawyer. The whistleblower reward statute requires that you hire and use a False Claims Act lawyer in order to obtain a whistleblower reward under the federal and state False Claims Acts. Therefore it is important to know how to find and select the right False Claims Act lawyer.

### **The importance of choosing and selection a qualified False Claims Act lawyer**

The False Claims Act pays whistleblower rewards of 15-25% of what the government collects based on you hiring a lawyer to file your *qui tam* lawsuit. The average False Claims Act reward paid to whistleblowers is over \$1 million. To apply for a reward, you must first hire a False Claims Act lawyer to file a civil lawsuit known as a *qui tam* action under the False Claims Act.

Because the government turns down nearly 80% of *qui tam* lawsuits, selecting the right False Claims Act lawyer can make a difference whether you waste three years and still receive no reward or if your hard work pays off. Of course, no respectable False Claims Act lawyer will make any promises and should tell you that past results do not guarantee future success.

### **Tips for finding, choosing and selecting a False Claims Act lawyer**

When selecting your False Claims Act lawyer, be mindful that they must do several things very well. First, your False Claims Act lawyer must properly evaluate your case. Sometimes the best thing a False Claims Act lawyer can do is let you know that you do not have the type of case likely to receive a sizeable reward. Assuming you have the right type of a case, you still likely do not realize what information is key to receiving a reward, and it is your False Claims Act lawyer's role to gather the right type of information.

Second, your False Claims Act lawyer must present your case in a convincing manner to get the attention of busy government workers. The government turns away 80% of whistleblower reward cases because the False Claims Act is complicated and there are many rules that must be strictly followed as well as pitfalls to avoid. Therefore you need to hire an experienced False Claims Act lawyer. At a minimum, you should select a lawyer that handled many False Claims Act cases.

Third, you should select a False Claims Act lawyer that has a good working relationship with the government attorneys that decide whether to take cases your case and are the ones who determine how much of a reward to pay you. The government office with nationwide authority over the *qui tam* reward provisions of the False Claims Act is the Civil Fraud Section of the

Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, D.C. Does your lawyer have False Claims Act experience actually working in this DOJ office? Experience with the U.S. Attorney's Offices can also be helpful because they also jointly handle with DOJ whistleblower cases filed in their jurisdiction. Even if your lawyer did not work for DOJ, you should still investigate whether they have a good relationship with the DOJ attorneys.

Remember, DOJ turns down 80% of *qui tam* reward applications. Therefore you should hire a False Claims Act lawyer that works towards having a good relationship with government attorneys instead of boasting about being aggressive, adversarial or demanding. Leave those promises to the attorneys doing television ads for personal injury cases.

Finally, you should select a False Claims Act lawyer based on human factors that only you can judge. Because it can take 3 years or more to get a False Claims Act whistleblower reward, you will be communicating a lot with your False Claims Act lawyer. Therefore, do your homework when determining how to find and select the right False Claims Act lawyer for your whistleblower reward case under the False Claims Act. Read their website, and especially their resume and biography to find out if they are what you are looking for in your False Claims Act lawyer.

### **How to choose The Hesch Firm as your False Claims Act lawyer**

The Hesch Firm would be pleased to review in complete confidence your potential False Claims Act *qui tam* case and consider becoming your False Claims Act lawyer. You can read on his website Mr. Hesch's extensive 15-years experience as an attorney working for the Civil Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the nationwide *qui tam* reward office and on *qui tam* False Claims Act cases. His law practice is now exclusively acting as a False Claims Act lawyer representing whistleblowers file for rewards for reporting fraud against the government.

Visit his website at [www.HowToReportFraud.com](http://www.HowToReportFraud.com) to find out if The Hesch Firm is the answer to your quest to find, select or choose a False Claims Act lawyer for your whistleblower reward case under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act.