

How to find and select the right qui tam attorney for your whistleblower reward case under the False Claims Act

Finding and selecting your qui tam attorney

This article outlines the importance of finding and selecting the right *qui tam* attorney to file your whistleblower rewards under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act.

Why the right *qui tam* attorney is important

Because the reward program rules are complex and the government turns away 80% of *qui tam* reward applications, finding, selecting or choosing your *qui tam* attorney can be one of the most important decisions you must make.

The *qui tam* whistleblower reward is between 15-25% of the amount the government recovers for you hiring a *qui tam* attorney and filing a *qui tam* lawsuit under the False Claims Act. If you have the right type of case and get it right, the average whistleblower award is \$1 million. But if you get it wrong, you can get little or nothing. Therefore you want to choose an experienced *qui tam* attorney.

Roles of your *qui tam* attorney under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act and tips for selecting the right *qui tam* attorney

There are several critical roles played by your *qui tam* attorney. First your *qui tam* attorney must know how to properly assess and develop your *qui tam* application. Your attorney must be very familiar with the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act because the *qui tam* reward statute is very complicated and there are many landmines to avoid. At a minimum, you should select a *qui tam* attorney that has handled many *qui tam* False Claims Act cases.

Second, your *qui tam* attorney needs to understand the informal process and have experience working with the government attorneys that decide whether to take cases your case and who determine how much of a reward to pay you. The Civil Fraud Section of the Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, D.C. is the nationwide government office overseeing the *qui tam* whistleblower reward program. Even if your *qui tam* attorney did not work for the Civil Fraud Section of DOJ or a local U.S. Attorney's Office that often handles these cases jointly with DOJ, your *qui tam* attorney must have a good relationship with the attorneys from these government offices that will be handling your case. Your *qui tam* attorney not only needs to file a complex *qui tam* lawsuit, but must convince DOJ to intervene or take the case. Later, your *qui tam* attorney will also need to negotiate the amount of any *qui tam* award.

Third, choosing or selecting your *qui tam* attorney involves a matter of personal preference. Because the average *qui tam* case lasts over 3 years, you should be communicating a lot with your False Claims Act attorney. Certainly you want to have confidence in your *qui tam* attorney when they make assessments of your case. But you also should respect and even like your *qui tam* attorney. For instance, you should not feel bad about contacting them with questions. Your *qui tam* attorney's role should not simply be providing legal advice, but should also be caring and mindful of the human aspects of representing a whistleblower. Therefore, do your homework when determining how to find, select and choose the right *qui tam* attorney for your whistleblower reward case under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act.

How to choose or select The Hesch Firm to become your *qui tam* attorney

Mr. Hesch would be pleased to review in complete confidence your potential *qui tam* case. You can read on his website his 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.

Visit his website at www.HowToReportFraud.com to find out if The Hesch Firm is the answer to your quest to find, select or choose a qualified *qui tam* attorney for your whistleblower reward case under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act.