

Whistleblower Lawsuits bring whistleblower rewards under the False Claims Act

This article outlines the need to file a whistleblower lawsuit under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act to receive a whistleblower reward under government's main reward program.

The federal government is paying multi-million dollar whistleblower rewards for those filing whistleblower lawsuits to claim a reward under the False Claims Act's *qui tam* provisions. But you must file have an attorney file a whistleblower lawsuit to get a reward. The average reward for filing a whistleblower lawsuit is \$1 million, and the rewards have topped \$100 million for a single whistleblower lawsuit. On the other hand, the government turns away nearly 80% of whistleblower lawsuits because of some defect.

To be eligible for a significant whistleblower reward, you must carefully follow some strict procedures under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act when filing a whistleblower lawsuit.

First, you do not get a whistleblower reward for calling a hotline or even being the first to report fraud to the government. You can only earn a whistleblower reward if you hire a False Claims Act attorney (which is on a contingency basis) and file a whistleblower lawsuit, known as a *qui tam* civil lawsuit against the company that is cheating the government.

Second, you must also be the first whistleblower to have an attorney properly file a whistleblower lawsuit. The government only pays a reward to the first whistleblower that properly reports fraud under the False Claims Act *qui tam* provisions by filing a whistleblower lawsuit.

Third, to get a meaningful whistleblower reward, you must allege in your whistleblower lawsuit a significant monetary fraud by an entity that is cheating the government. The size of the whistleblower reward is directly proportional to the size of the whistleblower lawsuit. In fact, a whistleblower receives a reward as a percentage of the amount of money the government actually collects from the company that is cheating. The range of whistleblower rewards under the False

Claims Act *qui tam* provisions is between 15 and 25 percent of the amount the company pays back as demanded in the whistleblower lawsuit.

Fourth, you need to have the right type of whistleblowing case and present it in the right way in your whistleblower lawsuit. Again, the government turns down three out of four whistleblower lawsuits. That means selecting the right attorney can make a big difference whether or not you get a whistleblower award for filing your whistleblower lawsuit and reporting fraud against the government.

Mr. Hesch would be pleased to review your potential case and let you know if he thinks you have the right type of case to bring a whistleblower lawsuit under the False Claims Act *qui tam* provisions. Your information will be kept confidential regardless of whether you ultimately decide to file a whistleblower lawsuit. You can read on this website, www.HowToReportFraud.com, his extensive 15-years of experience working for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., which is the office with nationwide authority over whistleblower lawsuits and paying whistleblower rewards.