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The False Claims Act in 2023: A Government Enforcement Update

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Individual employees helped the government secure another successful year in False Claims Act (FCA) litigation, as both plaintiffs (whistleblowers) and individual defendants. Individual whistleblowers were responsible for a substantial percentage of 2023 suits, helping the government enforce FCA provisions against companies across all sectors. Of the more than \$2.68 billion in settlements and judgments, over \$2.3 billion arose from *qui tam* suits filed by whistleblowers in 2023. Over 700 *qui* tam suits were filed in 2023, and the government paid out over \$349 million to individual whistleblower plaintiffs. In addition, the government continued to emphasize its effort to hold individual employees accountable for FCA violations in 2023, resulting in individuals, particularly senior executives and doctors, paying out millions of dollars in penalties as part of settlements with the government. To keep you apprised of the current enforcement trends and the status of the law, Bradley's Government Enforcement and Investigations Practice Group is pleased to present the False Claims Act: 2023 Year in Review, our 12th annual review of significant FCA cases, developments and trends.

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