

# Webcast: The False Claims Act: Updates for the Financial Services Sector

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The False Claims Act (FCA) is well-known as one of the most powerful tools in the government's arsenal to combat fraud, waste and abuse anywhere government funds are implicated. The U.S. Department of Justice has issued statements and guidance indicating some new thinking in the Trump Administration about its approach to FCA cases that may signal a meaningful shift in its enforcement efforts. But at the same time, newly filed FCA cases remain at historical peak levels and the DOJ has enjoyed ten straight years of nearly \$3 billion or more in annual FCA recoveries. The government has also made clear that it intends vigorously to pursue any fraud, waste and abuse in connection with COVID-related stimulus funds. As much as ever, any company that deals in government funds—especially in the financial services sector—needs to stay abreast of how the government and private whistleblowers alike are wielding this tool, and how they can prepare and defend themselves.

Please join us to discuss developments in the FCA, including:

- The latest trends in FCA enforcement actions and associated litigation affecting the financial services sector;
- Updates on the Trump Administration's approach to FCA enforcement, including developments with recent DOJ Civil Division personnel changes and DOJ's use of its statutory dismissal authority;
- The coming surge of COVID-related FCA enforcement actions; and
- The latest developments in FCA case law, including developments in particular FCA legal theories affecting your industry and the continued evolution of how lower courts are interpreting the Supreme Court's *Escobar* decision.

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