

The False Claims Act Year in Review 2019

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The False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 et seq. (“FCA”), continued to be a significant focus of government and whistleblower activity in 2019. This Year in Review highlights several key developments, including:

- The recovery by the government of more than \$3 billion in settlements and judgments in FCA cases in 2019.
- Courts’ continued efforts to interpret “materiality” under the FCA after the Supreme Court’s landmark decision in *Escobar*.
- Significant judicial decisions regarding the statute of limitations, the public disclosure bar, and pleading requirements for FCA cases, among other issues.

In 2019, Haynes Boone represented healthcare providers, defense contractors, and individuals in FCA investigations and lawsuits. We successfully resolved matters before lawsuits were filed, negotiated favorable settlements at all stages, and defended our clients in active litigation. We also advised a number of contractors and healthcare providers regarding FCA compliance and other related issues.

If you have any questions about the issues covered in this year’s Review, please let us know. We look forward to working with our friends and clients in 2020.

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