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Whitaker Quoted About the False Claims Act in Westlaw Journal: Government Contract

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Glenn Whitaker, a partner in the Cincinnati office and a member of the litigation group, was quoted in an article included in the November 10, 2014 edition of the *Westlaw Journal: Government Contract*. The article focused on the federal government's use of the False Claims Act (FCA).

The story states:

"The FCA is certainly a very important tool for the Government to combat fraud. However, because the FCA is such a powerful enforcement weapon for the Government, contractors often settle these cases for substantial amounts even when they sincerely believe that they've done nothing wrong. Particularly when the Government has intervened, the potential for treble damages, civil penalties, serious disruption of business operations, and administrative remedies such as suspension or debarment creates significant incentives for companies to resolve matters before trial. This is one of the major reasons that it's critical for companies to investigate any allegation of fraud immediately and to marshal facts demonstrating to the Government that no fraud occurred or that there was limited damage to the federal fisc."

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