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## Whitaker Quoted in *Columbia Daily Tribune* Story Titled “Lawsuit Over Bluebird Network’s Use of Stimulus Funds May Go To Trial Soon”

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Glenn Whitaker, a partner in the Vorys Cincinnati office and a member of the litigation group, was quoted in a *Columbia Daily Tribune* story on a False Claims Act (FCA) case in Missouri. According to the story, the government has decided not to intervene in the case in which a whistleblower claims Bluebird Network misled the government in an application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to build broadband network across northern Missouri.

The story states:

*“The Department of Justice intervenes and takes over cases about 20 percent of the time,” said Glenn Whitaker, an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Cincinnati and an expert on false claims litigation.*

*While the feds will sometimes consider factors like the amount of potential damages, and not take small cases, they often look at the evidence a plaintiff has against a company and decide whether they have a good chance of prevailing or reaching a settlement, he said. If the government doesn’t intervene, ‘you’re less likely to prevail.’*

*‘There’s a variety of reasons why they intervene or don’t intervene,’ Whitaker said. ‘In my experience, it’s been if they don’t intervene, it’s likely they’ve concluded this is not worth their time.’*

To read the entire story, visit the *Columbia Daily Tribune* [website](#).