

## False Claims Act/Wrongful Termination Case Successfully Concluded

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A White and Williams General Commercial Litigation team successfully defended claims brought against a firm client in United States District Court.

In August 2014, BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc. and its parent, BAE Systems, Inc., defeated claims under the False Claims Act (FCA) brought by a former employee in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The former employee alleged inadequate testing of thermal weapon sights supplied to the U.S. Army under a series of contracts. The district court dismissed the FCA claims and denied leave to re-plead them based on futility.

After the FCA claims were dismissed, the parties conducted limited written discovery on the employee's claims that he had been wrongfully terminated. Thereafter, and before any depositions, the former employee agreed to dismiss, for no consideration, the wrongful termination claims, while preserving the right to appeal from the dismissal of the FCA claims. The employee did not appeal. The case has been successfully concluded.

BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc. and BAE Systems, Inc. were represented by White and Williams lawyers David Chaffin, Michael Onufrak, Eric Hermanson, and David Edwards.