



Message from Chair of Qui Tam Section

On behalf of the Qui Tam Section of the Federal Bar Association, I am proud to present this edition of *The Federal Lawyer* focused on the False Claims Act (FCA). 2016 is a particularly appropriate time to reflect upon this important antifraud statute, the 30th anniversary of the 1986 amendments to the FCA as this year marked. These amendments breathed new life into the FCA—since 1986, taxpayers have recovered nearly \$50 billion.

For those who may not be familiar with the FCA and whose practice may not involve this statute, I encourage you to acquaint yourself with the FCA and other whistleblower statutes with *qui tam* provisions. The FCA can have major implications for almost any area of practice, whether it be those representing businesses or those representing individuals. The complexity and diversity of FCA cases over the past several decades illustrate the far-reaching impact of this statute.

For those who work with the FCA, I invite you to join our section and become involved! The Qui Tam Section is committed to quality programming, as demonstrated by our first national conference held in conjunction with the Federal Litigation Section in Washington in October. 2017 looks to be another full year of programming, with a number of CLE events planned with chapters around the country and work is underway for another national conference.

Our section is committed to a diversity of perspectives within the whistleblower law field—we welcome participation from defense counsel, government counsel, in-house counsel, and counsel representing whistleblowers and relators. We look forward to having you aboard!

