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# Current Trends in False Claims Act/Qui Tam Whistleblower Litigation



**Friday, May 12**

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program will update attendees on emerging issues arising in the context of federal FCA lawsuits involving a variety of industries and federal government contractors. Panelists from the plaintiff's perspective include the former U.S. Attorney and Assistant U.S. Attorneys from the District of South Carolina, as well as seasoned relator's counsel. Panelists from the defense perspective include former Assistant U.S. Attorneys and experienced FCA trial counsel. The Hon. Richard M. Gergel, U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina, will provide judicial insight on FCA litigation. With attorneys from all over the country participating in this seminar, it is sure to provide both beginning and seasoned practitioners a wealth of valuable information in the ever-changing area of FCA-related litigation.

This seminar is an intermediate level program.

## AGENDA

**8:30 a.m. Registration**

**8:55 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**9 a.m. Ten Practical Tips for Relators—Doing Your Best to File a Winning Qui Tam Case**

*Marc S. Raspanti, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, Philadelphia, PA*

**9:30 a.m. Medicare Part C and Part D FCA Cases: The Next Frontier**

*Pamela C. Brecht, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, Philadelphia, PA*

**10 a.m. Observations from the Bench – FCA Cases**

*The Hon. Richard M. Gergel  
U.S. District Judge, District of South Carolina, Charleston*

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. Panel Discussion: FCA/Qui Tam Suits: Plaintiff's Perspective**

Moderator: Joseph P. Griffith Jr., Joe Griffith Law Firm, LLC, Charleston

*Pamela C. Brecht, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, Philadelphia, PA*

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*Marc S. Raspanti, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, Philadelphia, PA*

*Elizabeth C. Warren, AUSA, Columbia*

**11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)**

**12:15 p.m. FCA Defenses: Rule 9(b)**

*Bradley B. Baniyas, Barnwell Whaley Patterson & Helms, LLC, Charleston*

**12:30 p.m. FCA Defenses: First-to-File Bar**

*Joseph P. Griffith Jr., Joe Griffith Law Firm, LLC, Charleston*

**12:45 p.m. FCA Defenses: Breach of the Seal**

*Margaret N. Fox, Griffin & Davis, LLC, Columbia*

**1 p.m. FCA Defenses: Public Disclosure Bar**

*Beth B. Richardson, Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, Columbia*

**1:15 p.m. Antikickback/Stark Case Update**

*J. Brady Hair, Law Offices of J. Brady Hair, N. Charleston*

**1:45 p.m. Break**

**2 p.m. The Role of Criminal Counsel in Pending Qui Tam-FCA Litigation**

*Trey R. Kelleter, Vandeventer Black, LLP, Norfolk, VA*

**2:30 p.m. Federal Debt Collections Procedures Act and the FCA: The Government's Pre-Judgement Remedies**

*Thomas P. Gressette Jr., Walker Gressette Freeman & Linton, LLC, Charleston*

**3 p.m. Panel Discussion: FCA/Qui Tam Suits: Defendant's Perspective**

Moderator: J. Brady Hair, Law Offices of J. Brady Hair, N. Charleston

*Beattie B. Ashmore, Beattie B. Ashmore, P.A., Greenville*

*Joseph P. Griffith Jr., Joe Griffith Law Firm, LLC, Charleston*

*Matthew R. Hubbell, Hubbell Law Firm, LLC, Charleston*

*A. Camden Lewis, Law Offices of Lewis Babcock, LLP, Columbia*

*Sandra Louise Weikel Miller, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP, Greenville*

**4 p.m. Adjourn**

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