

WHISTLEBLOWER REPRESENTATION

HONESTY REWARDED

It takes conscience, courage and conviction to bring wrongdoing to light. Kessler Topaz knows how to use the whistleblower laws to protect and reward those who uncover wrongdoing and step forward to fight it.

Champions for Whistleblowers

Whistleblowers are the unsung heroes of the marketplace, often risking career and reputation to report illegal conduct and do the right thing in the face of corporate fraud. If you have information about a fraud and are considering becoming a whistleblower, we can help you make a compelling case to authorities, protect yourself from retaliation and claim a share of the money the government recovers.

At Kessler Topaz, you'll find lawyers who have dedicated their careers to representing whistleblowers. Fighting corporate fraud is what we do—all day, every day. Our whistleblower team includes lawyers who have worked as federal and state prosecutors, as SEC enforcement lawyers and as litigators with decades of international experience in complex health care, pharmaceutical, securities, corporate and government contract fraud cases. Clients also have access to our renowned Investigative Services Division composed of federally-trained investigators known for their relentless pursuit of evidence.

Blowing the Whistle on Wall Street

Kessler Topaz has a long history of success fighting financial fraud by taking on some of the biggest corporations in the world. In recent years, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission and the Internal Revenue Service have implemented financial fraud whistleblower programs that reward people who supply information leading to successful enforcement actions. We have the experience and knowhow to navigate the complexities of financial fraud and effectively advocate for you before enforcement agencies. We can help you use these whistleblower programs to report information about:

- Accounting fraud
- Insider trading

- Corporate misconduct
- Market manipulation
- Tax evasion
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations

Guarding the Government

Each year, the federal government loses billions of dollars to waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer funds. Whistleblowers can combat that fraud by filing a lawsuit under the federal False Claims Act or specific state False Claims Acts. These actions—also known as *qui tam* lawsuits—let private citizens sue on behalf of the government and share in the recovery of government dollars. Fraud schemes against the government take many different forms, but all share a common feature: waste of taxpayer dollars. Common False Claims Act cases include overcharging the government, billing for services that were never provided, paying kickbacks, or otherwise violating federal regulatory requirements. Our lawyers have experience handling qui tam lawsuits involving:

- Medicare and Medicaid fraud
- Pharmaceutical company fraud
- Loan and grant fraud
- Government contact fraud, including defense and other types of government spending
- Hospital, nursing home and home health care fraud
- Education program fraud

We can help you pursue a case under the federal and state False Claims Acts, maximize rewards for coming forward, and protect you from illegal retaliation.

Getting Started

If you have information about fraud against government programs, or violations of federal securities, commodities, tax or anti-foreign bribery laws, please contact Kessler Topaz partner David Bocian at <u>dbocian@ktmc.com</u>, call (484) 270-1418.

Consultations and case evaluations are free and confidential.