# Qui Tam / Whistle Blower Claims

Trenam's Qui Tam / Whistleblower Claims Group is comprised of attorneys who have successfully defended and prosecuted major Department of Defense procurement and other federal contractors in Qui Tam suits. Our Florida based team of attorneys has in depth experience representing both government contractors and whistleblowers in health care fraud and government contracting cases.

John S. Vento, who leads the group, is a retired U.S. Air Force Reserve JAG Colonel who taught procurement law at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's School and was a procurement reserve attorney at the Air Armaments Command Legal Office Eglin Air Force Base. He has more than twenty-five years of experience in procurement law and successfully represented whistleblowers in one of the largest Qui Tam cases filed in the Middle District of Florida for government contract fraud. Recently he represented a physician in a health care fraud Qui Tam that resulted in a $48 million settlement with the government.

The group also successfully defended a government contractor in a jury trial in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, obtaining an almost unheard of defense verdict on a Motion for Involuntary Dismissal at the close of the evidence. Trenam's client avoided a damage claim exceeding $21 million, and the possibility of civil penalties and debarment.

The group has represented clients in a wide variety of Government Contracting matters, including claims and dispute resolution; bid protests; Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals and Court of Claims litigation; general advice before, during and after the performance of government contracts; cost and pricing audits; and resolution of disputes with subcontractors.

If you have information that an individual or company is defrauding the government, it is critical you seek advice from experienced Qui Tam litigation attorneys as soon as possible. If your company suspects it is the target of a whistleblower claim, or has discovered an impropriety in the performance of a government contract, our attorneys can assist in potentially avoiding serious liability. Trenam has the experience to handle your Qui Tam matter.