
False Claims Act Verdict Results in \$90 Million Award

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Upholding a May 2007 jury verdict of liability under the False Claims Act and a \$90 million damage award, on June 23 the Chief Judge of the US District Court for the District of Columbia denied all post-trial motions filed by the defendant construction companies accused of conspiring to rig bids on US government-funded construction projects in the Middle East. The ruling represents a victory for both the United States and WilmerHale's client, Relator Richard F. Miller. Miller, a former executive of one of the construction companies, alerted the Government after becoming aware of the companies' conspiracy. The jury verdict followed a seven-week trial.

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