

The New York False Claims Act

The New York False Claims Act empowers whistleblowers and the New York Attorney General's Office to sue people and entities that commit fraud related to state government funds.

There are a few essential "elements" of a False Claims Act case: (1) a **false** claim, (2) submitted **knowingly**, and (3) that caused the government to lose money or fail to collect money. For more detailed information, take a look at the text of the federal False Claims Act.

Claims can come in all shapes and sizes::

- Healthcare billing to Medicaid and other state and local government healthcare programs.
- Billing for services to people with disabilities covered by Medicaid and other state government programs.
- Applications and supporting materials for state licenses and permits, like licenses for substance use disorder treatment facilities, legal cannabis licenses, and more.
- Bids, invoices, and other submissions related to state or local government contracts.
- Applications for unemployment insurance, special state COVID-19 relief programs, and other state benefits programs.
- Compliance obligations required under government contracts or grants, like cybersecurity certifications, environmental disclosures, or prevailing wage requirements.
- Obligations to escheat unused and unclaimed money like gift card balances, dividends, and more.
- Claims relating to state tax like sales, income, property, capital gains, and more (as long as the defendant's net income or sales is greater than \$1 million and the damages in the case are greater than \$350,000).

How do I start?

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