

The federal False Claims Act has been around since the Civil War and is meant to combat fraud perpetrated by individuals against the government. Over the past two decades, the False Claims Act has played an increasing role in fighting fraud. Today, the False Claims Act is a common tool used by the Department of Justice to prosecute allegations of fraud in the healthcare industry. In addition, the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009 (FERA) was signed into law earlier this year and amended the False Claims Act to expand its reach.

This session will focus on the False Claims Act and the recent amendments and highlight how this law may affect your institution's level of risk and compliance program. Attendees from both academic and health institutions will benefit from participating.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will be able to understand the potential liability under the False Claims Act and the recent FERA amendments.
- Participants will be able to better recognize what types of actions can fall under the False Claims Act, including healthcare billing and research activities.
- Participants will be able to consider how operations can be reviewed and/or improved to assist in mitigating exposure to the institution and in supporting compliance.

False Claims Act

Date: November 10, 2009

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am

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- Compliance Officers
- Legal Affairs
- Research Administrators
- Chief Business Officers
- Internal Auditors

About the Presenter:

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Scott McBride concentrates his practice on providing legal services to the healthcare industry, including representing and advising hospitals, academic medical centers, physician groups and other healthcare clients in federal and state regulatory matters, with an emphasis on compliance and enforcement issues. He represents and advises clients in False Claims Act litigation and investigations, regulatory enforcement proceedings, and fraud and abuse matters. He counsels clients in comprehensive corporate compliance matters, including assisting and advising clients on internal investigations, self-disclosures and repayment matters.

Mr. McBride is listed in The Best Lawyers in America in healthcare law. Mr. McBride has also been named a "Texas Rising Star" by Law & Politics and the publishers of Texas Monthly. He was named an "Outstanding Fraud and Compliance Lawyer" in 2005 and in 2009 by Nightingale's Healthcare News.

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