FCA Enforcement Expected to Increase in 2026 Amid Legal Uncertainty

With the Department of Justice (DOJ) pushing into new enforcement areas and courts wrestling with core legal doctrines, the False Claims Act (FCA) stands at a defining inflection point, according to the 2026 FCA Guide released today by global law firm Hogan Lovells.

Trump Urges GOP to Challenge Rep. Massie Over Shutdown Vote

President Trump has urged a primary challenge against Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) due to Massie's opposition to a continuing resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown. The CR proposes increased defense spending and reduced non-defense spending below 2024 levels.

Massie, known for his conservative views, has pledged to vote against the Trump-supported CR. He argues that the measure perpetuates "waste, fraud, and abuse" in government spending.

Massie expressed his position on social media: "Unless I get a lobotomy Monday that causes me to forget what I've witnessed the past 12 years, I'll be a NO on the CR this week."

President Trump criticized Massie for his consistent opposition to CRs despite previous support for similar

measures. Trump labeled Massie as an “automatic ‘NO’ vote on just about everything” and called for a primary challenge against him. He compared Massie to former Representative Liz Cheney, who lost her primary after opposing Trump.

The CR, backed by the conservative House Freedom Caucus, aims to prevent a government shutdown if approved by both the House and Senate. However, if more than two Republicans vote against the measure, it may not pass.

Representatives Tim Burchett (R-Tenn.) and Cory Mills expressed uncertainty about their votes, while Massie remains a firm “NO.”

Despite threats to his re-election, Massie remains defiant. He emphasized his commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency, stating that previous challengers attempting to outflank him on MAGA grounds failed to gain significant support.

Massie asserted that his constituents value “transparency and principles over blind allegiance.”

Big Company General Counsel Join Big Law Voting Rights Statement

NewsNearly 20 current and former general counsel of major corporations have joined Big Law leaders in signing a statement opposing voter disenfranchisement, following changes to Georgia’s voting laws.

5th Circuit Sanctions Marc Elias and Other Perkins Coie Lawyers for ‘Redundant and Misleading’ Motion

NewsA federal appeals court has sanctioned Perkins Coie attorneys who represent Democratic groups for a “redundant and misleading” motion in election litigation.

U.S. Judge Approves Daimler’s $1.5B Diesel Emissions Settlement

NewsA federal judge approved Daimler AG’s $1.5 billion settlement to resolve a U.S. government probe into the German automaker’s use of undisclosed software that allowed excess diesel pollution to be emitted by 250,000 of its vehicles in the United States.

State AG Authorizes $100M Settlement in Oil and Gas Lawsuit

NewsState Attorney General Jeff Landry authorized a $100 million settlement with one of dozens of oil and gas companies accused of destroying Louisiana’s coast.

Lawyer Tries To Persuade IRS it Doesn’t Owe Him $285K

NewsTodd Rothbard, a Santa Clara attorney, got a letter from the IRS a few weeks ago saying he miscalculated his 2019 taxes and was due more than $284,000.

Jones Day Hires Homeland Security Lawyer… Doesn’t Mention Kidnapped Immigrant Children

NewsChad Mizelle was recently the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security.

Biglaw Lawyer Becomes Impromptu Champion Of D.C.

NewsPeter Tracey, Senior Counsel at Perkins Coie. was filmed standing on his stoop yelling at the rioters.

North Texas Lawyer Who Participated in Capitol Riot Fired from his Job

NewsA North Texas lawyer has been fired by his employer after he was seen on video outside the Capitol building.

Texas Hiring Two Law Firms for Google Probe Team

NewsThe Texas attorney general’s office has named The Lanier Law Firm and the law firm Keller Lenkner to the litigation team that would face off against Alphabet’s Google in an expected antitrust lawsuit.

General Electric Agrees to Pay $200M Fine for Misleading Investors

NewsThe SEC announced that GE has agreed to pay a $200M penalty to settle charges for misleading investors regarding the profitability and risks to some of its core business lines.

Sterling Brown Agrees to $750K Settlement with City of Milwaukee

NewsMilwaukee Bucks guard Sterling Brown has agreed to a $750,000 settlement with the city of Milwaukee, nearly three years after he was tased by an officer during a run-in with police over a parking violation.

Husband and Wife Sentenced

for International Elder Fraud Scheme

NewsA husband and wife were sentenced today to a combined 92 months in prison for their roles in a sophisticated fraud scheme that primarily targeted elderly Americans.

DOJ Sues to Block Visa Acquisition of Fintech Startup Plaid

NewsThe federal government is suing to block Visa’s $5.3 billion acquisition of fintech startup Plaid, alleging the merger violates antitrust laws.

California Privacy Ballot Measure Means New Compliance Hurdles

NewsCalifornia’s new privacy agency means a fresh set of regulatory headaches for tech companies and other businesses operating in California that are already grappling with the state’s landmark 2018 law.

Begley Awarded $1.8M in Settlement

NewsAssistant Chief Mark Begley was awarded a $1.84 million lawsuit settlement against the County of Kaua‘i and Kaua‘i Police Department.

Two Men Indicted for Allegedly Operating Multimillion Dollar Sports Betting Pyramid Scheme in Las Vegas

NewsTwo Las Vegas residents made their initial court appearances in U.S. District Court on Friday for charges in connection with a multimillion dollar investment fraud scheme.

Memphis Physicians Agree to

Pay More Than $340,000 for Alleged Overbilling

NewsDoctor Shoaib Qureshi, Doctor Imran Mirza, Memphis Primary Care Specialists, Lunceford Family Health Center, and Getwell Family Medicine agreed to pay $341,690 to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by knowingly charging Medicare for services rendered by nurse practitioners at the higher reimbursement rate for physician services.

Disbarred Attorney Pleads Guilty to Stealing 9/11 Victim Compensation Funds

NewsA disbarred lawyer in Westchester County pled guilty to stealing approximately $1M of government funds.