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Warner Mendenhall's experience with *qui tam* actions dates back to the 90s after the False Claims Act was amended to make it more accessible for whistleblowers. Beginning with two terms on Akron City Council in the early 1990s, Warner has helped citizens fight corruption and abuse of power. After getting licensed in the late 1990s, Warner won his first cases exposing block grant fraud and defending Charter Amendments in Akron, Ohio. Since then, he has settled multiple *qui tam* actions against healthcare companies like Mobile Medical, Inc., and St. Jude Medical, Inc.

In recent years Mendenhall Law Group (MLG) has increased its *qui tam* practice dramatically. MLG now files on average, 5-10 cases per year throughout the United States. MLG files the majority of *qui tam* actions in the Northern District of Ohio for fraud schemes originating in Cleveland, Akron, and Canton. MLG also regularly files *qui tam* actions in the Southern District of Ohio for fraud schemes originating in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton. MLG recently expanded its practice with a permanent office in Boston, Massachusetts.

MLG partners with national false claim act attorneys to file and litigate *qui tam* actions across the country. MLG's attorneys are active members of the Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAF), which is a public interest non-profit organization composed of false claim act attorneys dedicated to fighting fraud against the government by working to protect whistleblowers. By leveraging the firm's relationships with fellow TAF members, MLG can easily organize a national team of experienced false claims act attorneys to handle any *qui tam* action throughout the nation.

Mendenhall and his firm pride themselves on being a mission-oriented practice dedicated to helping ordinary people stand up to the abuse of power.



Current *qui tam* litigation:

While Mendenhall and his firm have over twenty active *qui tam* cases pending, and more to come, most are still under seal. The following are unsealed.

U.S. ex rel. Brook Jackson v. Ventavia Research Group, LLC, et al., E.D. TX, 1:21-cv-00008 (Clinical trial fraud related to Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine. See next page for further information.)

U.S. ex rel. USN4U, LLC v. Wolf Creek Federal Services, Inc., et al., N.D. OH, 1:17-cv-558 (Contracting fraud at NASA facility. Successfully argued to overturn dismissal order at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, 34 F.4th 507.)

U.S. ex rel. Kenya Sibley, et al. v. University of Chicago Medical Center, et al., N.D. IL, 1:17-cv-04457 (Medicare debt collection fraud. Achieved partial reversal of dismissal order at the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 44 F.4th 646.)

U.S. ex rel. Patricia Crowe, M.D. v. Sparrow Medical Group, et al., W.D. MI, 1:21-cv-770 (Fraudulent Medicare billing including upcoding, improper "incident to" and provider-based billing.)

U.S. ex. rel. Rodney Stahl v. Postal Fleet Services, Inc., N.D. OH, 1:19-cv-01900 (Fraudulent inducement for failure to pay prevailing wage and fringe benefits per government contracts.)