



## → Scott F. Roybal

Retired - Of Counsel

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Scott Roybal is retired from the firm and is now Of Counsel.

### Areas of Practice

Mr. Roybal's practice included business litigation in federal and state courts and before arbitration and administrative tribunals with extensive experience handling government contract disputes and defending clients in a wide range of civil and criminal fraud investigations. He has more than 30 years of experience investigating and litigating *qui tam* False Claims Act cases and related whistleblower actions. Mr. Roybal handled a multitude of corporate internal and government investigations involving diverse industries such as healthcare, aerospace and defense, financial institutions, electronics, information technologies, transportation, construction, and telecommunications, among others that conduct business with the government. He provided compliance program advice and counsel and conducts investigations concerning the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Mr. Roybal utilized his extensive experience to assist clients with early resolutions of potential disputes.

### Honors

*The Legal 500 USA*, Government Contracts, 2020-2021

*The Legal 500 USA*, Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, 2018

### Articles

- The False Claims Act: Review and Outlook  
*Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report*, 07.2025
- A False Claim Act Year in Review, and a Look Forward – Part II  
*Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report*, 06.2024
- A False Claims Act Year in Review, and a Look Forward - Part I  
*Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report*, 05.2024
- A False Claims Act Year in Review, and a Look Forward  
*Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report*, 04.2023
- 2021 False Claims Act Review and Outlook  
*Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report*, 03.2022

- 2020 Civil False Claims Act Update—Part II  
*Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report*, 03.2021
- Civil False Claims Act Update—Part I  
*Pratt's Government Contracting Law Report*, 02.2021
- Courts Narrow Liability for Retaliation Claims  
*National Defense Magazine*, 03.2019
- Feature Comment: 2018 Civil False Claims Act Update  
*The Government Contractor*, 11.20.2018
- Feature Comment: 2017 Civil False Claims Act Update  
*The Government Contractor*, 11.15.2017
- Feature Comment: Government Knowledge As A Weapon To Combat FCA Actions  
*The Government Contractor*, 06.21.2017
- Feature Comment: 2016 FCA Update  
*The Government Contractor*, 12.21.2016

## **Government Contracts & Investigations Blog**

- "Statute of Limitations for PPP and EIDL Fraud Extended to Ten Years," August 9, 2022
- "Supreme Court To Review DOJ's Authority to Dismiss Qui Tam FCA Suits Over Objections From Relators," June 29, 2022
- "The Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery Calls For Increased Funding and Expanded Jurisdiction In Its Quarterly Report To Congress," August 16, 2021
- "The Next Four Years of FCPA Enforcement: What to Expect From the Biden Administration," November 19, 2020
- "Prepare for a Perfect Storm of COVID-19 Whistleblower Claims," June 17, 2020
- "Small Business Money Grab Under the CARES Act Brings Enforcement Risks," April 23, 2020
- "FCPA Landmines Beneath the Surface of the COVID-19 Crisis," April 15, 2020
- "The CARES Act – Who's Minding the Store?," April 9, 2020
- "Guard Against False Claims as Massive Government Spending Rolls Out to Combat COVID-19," March 19, 2020
- "Coronavirus and its Implications for Government Contractors," March 9, 2020

## **False Claims Act Defense Law Blog Posts**

- "First Circuit on Escobar Remand: Relators' Allegations of Regulatory Violations Sufficiently Material to State a Claim Under the FCA," November 23, 2016
- "FCA's 'Implied Certification' Theory Survives," June 17, 2016
- "Did the FCA's 'Implied Certification' Theory Dodge a Bullet?," April 20, 2016

## Media Mentions

Gov't Contracts Cases To Watch In 2023  
*Law360*, 01.02.2023

Top Government Contracts Cases Of 2022  
*Law360*, 12.21.2022

## Events

2023 Government Contracts Review & Outlook  
An Update on the Civil False Claims Act, Fraud Focus on Fraud and FCA  
Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine, 11.15.2023

Preparing for COVID-19 Whistleblower Claims Against Businesses Receiving CARES Act Funds  
myLawCLE Webinar  
Webinar, 07.15.2020

CARES Act Oversight & Enforcement  
First Target: Organized Crime/Fraudsters. Next: Legitimate Businesses. Make Sure It's Not You!  
Webinar, 05.14.2020

2019 Government Contracts Review & Outlook - West Coast  
An Update on the Civil False Claims Act, Fraud and Compliance Issues  
November 21-22, 2019

## Podcasts & Webinars

CARES Act Oversight & Enforcement  
05.14.2020

## Education

J.D., Columbia University, 1986

B.A., University of Utah, 1983, *cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*