

Corporation can pursue False Claims Act suit

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Charlotte Litigation Member Tom Myrick was quoted in the *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* article "Corporation can pursue False Claims Act suit" which was published December 12. The article discusses a lawsuit is moving forward against two large healthcare organizations that allegedly terminated contracts after a group of Charlotte emergency room doctors refused to take part in a false billing scheme after a judge ruled that corporate entities have standing to bring retaliation claims for damages under state and federal False Claims Acts. Charlotte Litigation Members Tom Myrick and Paul Peralta, Associate Ben Shook, and Counsel Emily Pera are part of the team that represents the plaintiffs.

The article

"Judge Bell persuasively articulates why the anti-retaliation provisions of the False Claim Acts apply to contractors and agents, which include entities such as Mid-Atlantic Emergency Medical Associates, and not just individual employees," Myrick said. "This decision also holds that retaliatory termination is an improper motive under a tortious interference with contractual relationship claim, which cannot be justified by a profit motive."