

Government & Corporate Investigations Case Study

False Claims Act

SITUATION))

Oppenheimer’s client was facing a qui tam action filed by a former employee. The action accused our client of fraud in the performance of a \$300 million energy supply agreement with a United States agency. In addition, the federal government intervened in some of the asserted claims.

COUNSEL))

Oppenheimer developed a strategy that helped focus the government’s initial investigation and convince the government not to intervene in the majority of the claims asserted by our client’s former employee.

OUTCOME))

We prevailed in the jury trial of the former employee’s claim that he was wrongfully discharged. We also prevailed in all but one of ten claims, filed in a separate trial, alleging that our client committed fraud or otherwise breached the energy supply agreement. We successfully appealed that one remaining charge and the appellate court reversed the judgment against our client.

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