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Lawrence Cameron, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke’s White Collar Litigation + Investigations Practice Group, was quoted in the December 9, 2025 *Law360 Healthcare Authority* article, “[FCA Bar Eager to Scrutinize 11th Circ. Qui Tam Debate.](#)”

Lawrence J. Cameron, a partner at [Troutman Pepper Locke LLP](#) and a former acting U.S. attorney in North Carolina, said he is eager to see how much “air time” the panel gives to arguments in favor of striking down the qui tam provisions entirely, even for cases in which the government ultimately intervenes and prosecutes the complaint itself.

“I’ll be listening to see whether the panel seems receptive to even considering that or comes out early and makes it clear that they’re only considering the narrow question as to whether the qui tam provisions are unconstitutional in cases like this [one], where the government has declined to intervene,” Cameron said.

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“If the Eleventh Circuit reaches a far-reaching decision striking down qui tam provisions in total, I think the Supreme Court would have to look pretty closely at whether it can have that kind of a circuit split, where in a significant portion of the country, qui tams can’t be filed whatsoever, but in the rest country they can,” Troutman’s Cameron said.

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“That is something that I could see this Department of Justice being frankly interested in pressing,” Cameron said. “And I’ll be interested to see whether they use it as a backup position, and only sort of reach it if the court seems inclined to find that the relators are exercising executive power, or if they sort of more affirmatively press that issue.”

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