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TENLEY ARMSTRONG QUOTED BY LAW360 ON DOJ FALSE CLAIMS ACT PROSECUTION MEMO

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (January 30, 2018) - Lightfoot Partner Tenley E. Armstrong was quoted recently by *Law360* in a round-up of comments from lawyers around the country about a recent Department of Justice (DOJ) memo regarding a change in its approach to whistleblower lawsuits under the False Claims Act (FCA). As noted by *Law360*, the memo discussed "circumstances in which the government should consider dismissing False Claims Act cases brought by whistleblowers."

"This memo is welcome news to the defense bar and industries that are increasingly the targets of FCA prosecutions. It provides a roadmap for how savvy defense lawyers can steer motion practice and discovery in nonintervenor FCA cases to make a case unattractive to the DOJ," Armstrong commented to *Law360*. "Preserving good case law on the FCA and conserving the DOJ's valuable resources necessitates a reminder to prosecutors to pare down nonintervenor qui tam cases and a shot across the bow to the relators' bar to self-police in selecting claims."

The full article can be found **here** (subscription required).

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