“False Claims Act Litigation: How to Lasso a Fraudster.”

1. Brief mention of Joel’s award and achievements (Hal or Greg)
2. Relator best practices pre-filing and while case is under seal (e.g., preparing relators for the relator interview, assisting Government during investigation) (Janis)
3. Government’s investigation (e.g., how AUSAs/agents prioritize/interview witnesses) (Hal and James)
4. Government’s considerations/process in reaching intervention/declination decision (James)
5. Litigating an intervened case (James and Greg)
6. Litigating a declined case (e.g., lessons from Reddell) (Greg)
7. Judicial perspective (e.g., importance of moving cases along, litigation/discovery do’s and don’ts) (Judge Crone)

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