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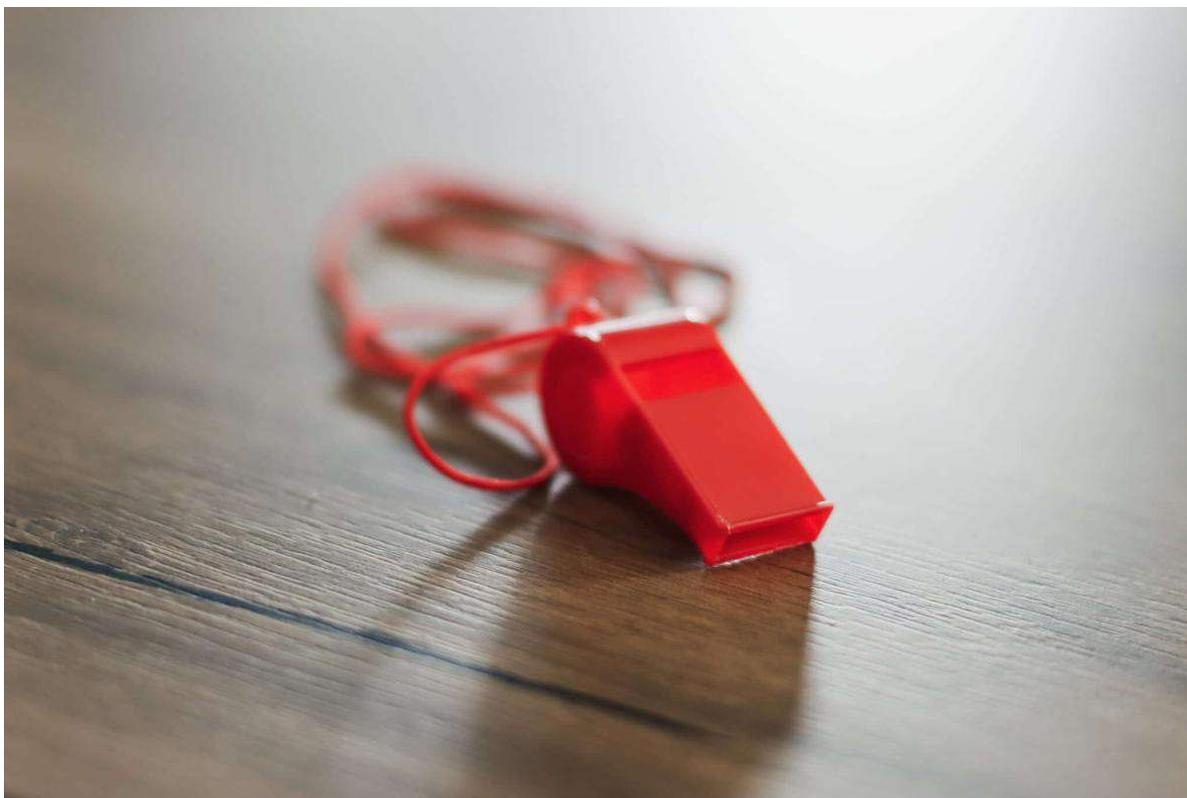
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HOW ARE WHISTLEBLOWER PAYOUTS DETERMINED IN NC?

This week we'll be focusing on specific whistleblower laws in North Carolina and important statistics about whistleblower cases in the state. Uncovering fraud against the government takes courage. When an individual steps forward to report misuse of state funds, theft, or false claims, they are not only protecting taxpayer money but also upholding integrity within our systems. Recognizing the risks involved in coming forward — which often include fears of retaliation or professional blacklisting — North Carolina law provides significant financial incentives for those who blow the whistle on corruption.

The North Carolina False Claims Act (NCFCA) allows private citizens to file lawsuits on behalf of the state. If funds are recovered as a result of the information provided, the whistleblower (often called a “relator”) is entitled to a portion of that recovery. However, understanding exactly how these whistleblower payouts are calculated can be complex, involving various factors ranging from the quality of information to the level of government involvement.

At Barrett & Farahany, we understand that reporting illegal actions is never easy. Our North Carolina whistleblower attorneys break down how rewards are determined in North Carolina whistleblower cases so you can better understand your rights and potential compensation.



Payout Percentages in North Carolina

The North Carolina False Claims Act sets specific statutory guidelines for how rewards are split. These figures are calculated based on the total amount the government recovers, which can include treble damages (three times the actual damage sustained) and civil penalties.

State Intervention (15%-25%)

If the Attorney General’s office intervenes and takes the lead on the prosecution, the whistleblower is typically entitled to receive between 15% and 25% of the proceeds.

In these scenarios, the state uses its own resources to litigate, reducing the financial risk and workload for the whistleblower. Because the government is doing the “heavy lifting” in court, the whistleblower’s percentage share is slightly lower, though the likelihood of a successful recovery often increases with state backing.

Whistleblower Pursues Alone (25-30%)

If the state declines to intervene, the whistleblower may choose to pursue the action alone. Because the whistleblower (and their legal counsel) assumes the full burden, risk, and expense of the litigation, the reward percentage increases.

In successful cases where the state did not intervene, the whistleblower is generally entitled to between 25% and 30% of the recovery. This higher percentage acknowledges the significant effort and risk required to litigate a fraud case without direct government assistance...

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