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James B. Helmer, Jr. is Senior Partner and President of the Cincinnati, Ohio office location of Helmer, Martins, Rice & Popham Co., L.P.A. Approximately one half of his practice, which is exclusively devoted to litigation, involves the representation of employees blowing the whistle on fraudulent government contractors. Mr. Helmer has obtained several multimillion-dollar jury verdicts and has been trial counsel in more than 300 published legal decisions, including more than 100 dealing with the False Claims Act. He testified before both the Senate and House concerning amendments to the False Claims Act in 1985 and 1986, and his suggested changes were ultimately enacted into law. He again testified before the House in 2008 to outline numerous changes needed to clarify judicial opinions that had limited the False Claims Act. His suggestions were all ultimately enacted in 2009 and 2010. His False Claims Act cases have returned nearly \$1 billion to taxpayers and have resulted in 15 criminal indictments. He argued the *Allison Engine* False Claims Act case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Helmer is an honors graduate of Denison University. His law degree is from the College of Law of the University of Cincinnati, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Cincinnati Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif. He began his legal career as a law clerk for the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Mr. Helmer has enjoyed *Martindale Hubbell Law Directory's* highest rating, "AV," since 1981. He has been listed in the last 23 editions of *Best Lawyers in America* in the categories of Litigation, Labor and Employment Law, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Labor and Employment Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, and Trusts and Estates Litigation. He has been selected by *The National Law Journal* as one of Ohio's top 10 litigators and by *Cincinnati Magazine* as one of Cincinnati's top attorneys. He is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the President's Council of Taxpayers Against Fraud. He is a recipient of the Nicholas Longworth III Alumni Achievement Award for Distinguished Professional Service from the College of Law of the University of Cincinnati (2001), the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Taxpayers Against

Fraud Education Fund (2008), and the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Cincinnati Law Review (2012), which dedicated issue 68 to him in 2000. In 2015, he received the University of Cincinnati Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award, presented on behalf of the 275,000 members; he was the first College of Law graduate so honored. The University of Cincinnati College of Law Alumni Association has also recognized him with its own Distinguished Alumni Award (2017). He has been selected as an Ohio Super Lawyer for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 by *Law & Politics Magazine*.

Mr. Helmer's legal work has been detailed and praised in two books: *Giant Killers: The Team and the Law that Helps Whistle-blowers Recover America's Stolen Billions* by Henry Scammell (Atlantic Monthly Press 2004) and *At Any Cost: Jack Welch, General Electric, and the Pursuit of Profit* by Thomas F. O'Boyle (Vintage Books 1999).

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