

Bartlit Beck Successfully Defends Pratt & Whitney Against \$624 Million Claim

United States v. United Technologies Corp. (2008)

Bartlit Beck's Fred Bartlit, Jeff Hall, Mike Valaik, and Hamilton Hill represented United Technologies in a 10-week bench trial of False Claims Act case brought by the Department of Justice. Government sought \$624 million, alleging price inflation on jet engine sales by UTC division Pratt & Whitney to the Air Force from 1985-1991. Trial court's judgment rejected the government's \$624 million damages claim, held that the government suffered no actual damages, and imposed statutory penalties of \$7 million. The case is currently on appeal in front of the 6th Circuit.