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## Cochise Consultancy v. U.S. ex rel. Hunt (Decision May 13, 2019)

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Did Hunt file his case on behalf  
of the U.S. government on time?

**Cochise Consultancy versus  
United States ex rel. Hunt**

### BACKGROUND: THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT

The False Claims Act allows a private party to represent U.S. Government interests in claims for fraudulent contracting.

## The Supreme Court considers a whistleblower's claim timely

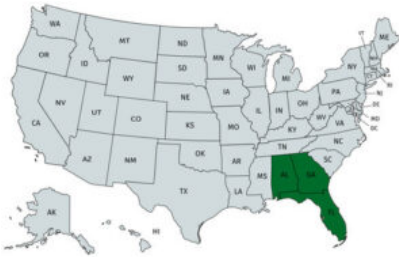
**Argument:** March 18, 2019

**Decision:** May 13, 2019 (</s/Cochise-v-US-ex-rel-hunt-decision-pdf.pdf>)

**Petitioner Brief:** Cochise Consultancy, Inc. and The Parsons Corporation (</Brief-of-petitioner-Cochise-Consultancy-Inc-and-The-Parsons-Corporation-filed.pdf>)

**Respondent Brief:** United States of America ex rel. Billy Joe Hunt filed. (</United-States-of-America-ex-rel-Billy-Joe-Hunt-filed.pdf>)

**Court Below:** Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals



On Monday the United States Supreme Court ruled that whistleblower Billy Joe Hunt filed his False Claims Act claims on time. As a result, Hunt's case may go forward.

Hunt alleges a kickback scheme in which Cochise Consultancy paid bribes to get awarded a United States contract to clean up excess munitions. According to Hunt, awarding Cochise the contract costed the United States Government more money because another company was better equipped to perform the work

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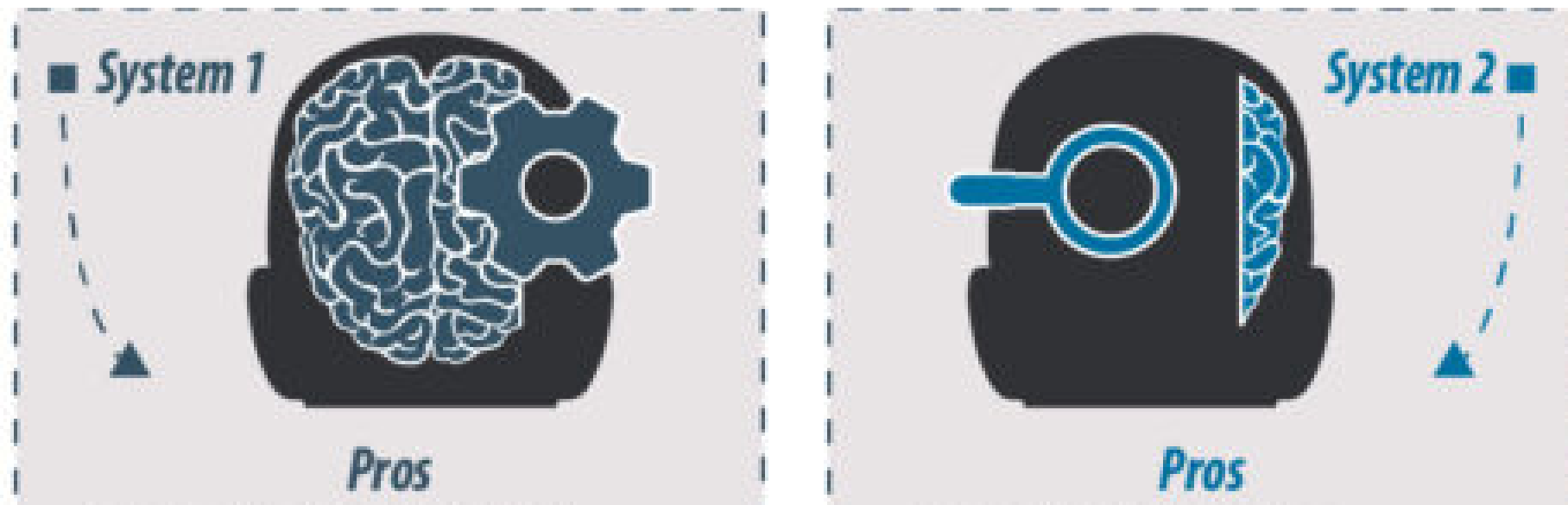


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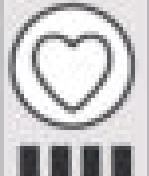
**Americans for Prosperity Foundation**

"devoted to education and training about the principles of a free and open society"

**Thomas More Law Center**

mission "to protect religious freedom, free speech, family values, and the sanctity of human life"

**They challenged the CA disclosure requirement, citing dangers.**

**Plaintiff Charities:**

Disclosing our major donors causes issues:

- Our donors may get inundated with donation



- requests from other organizations.
- Our donors may get verbally or physically harassed for supporting us.

## THE LEGAL CLAIM: FREE ASSOCIATION

The charities claim the CA disclosure requirement violates their First Amendment right to free association.

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The DNC showed that these factors disproportionately affect minority populations.

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### The “Ballot Harvesting” Law

Collecting and turning in another person’s ballot is illegal, punishable by imprisonment and a large fine.





*Targets a method used by Democrats to encourage votes in minority communities.*

The DNC showed that these factors disproportionately affect minority populations.

**Violation of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2**

The DNC also showed that Arizona enacted this policy with the intent to discriminate.

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**then acquired by Hologic.**





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