

# COVID-19 WebTalk: Compliance Investigations

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Challenges and trends under the "New Normal": COVID-19 entails many new challenges and accelerates industry trends, some of which have sporadic and some of which have a lasting impact on the compliance function.

In this (German language) WebTalk, Annette Kraus, Chief Counsel Compliance of Siemens AG, and Benno Schwarz, partner in the Munich office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, discuss the latest developments and emerging trends.

Our WebTalk includes the following topics:

- New risk assessment under COVID-19
- Special challenges for the compliance function
- New authorities and players involved in COVID-19 measures
- Key take-aways

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