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Webcast: Congressional Investigations in the 119th Congress: What to Expect and How to Prepare

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When you think of Congress, you think of legislating. Yet Congress also is authorized by the Constitution to conduct investigations – in aid of its legislative function. We review recent developments in the law relating to congressional investigations, examine the authorities House and Senate committees have to conduct investigations, how they enforce these authorities, and what defenses are available to targets of or witnesses in congressional investigations. We then take a look at the congressional investigations landscape for the 119th Congress, including who will be leading the key investigative committees and what are likely areas of investigation. Finally, we discuss mistakes that are often made by entities faced with an investigation.

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