

Webcast: Congressional Investigations in the 119th Congress

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Congress sprinted out of the gates in 2025, investigating companies across the economic spectrum on issues as diverse as online child safety, antisemitism on college campuses, antitrust, debanking, data breaches, pharmacy benefit managers, content moderation, and activities in China. In this recorded webcast, our lawyers explore where Congress is likely to focus its investigations in the second session of the 119th Congress. They also 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. Finally, they discuss mistakes that are often made by entities faced with an investigation.

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