

Webcast: DOJ's Consumer Protection Branch

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In this webcast, Gibson Dunn attorneys discuss how the U.S. Department of Justice's Consumer Protection Branch has quickly become a leading criminal and civil enforcer of health, safety, fraud, and privacy laws. Having secured billions in monetary penalties across dozens of corporate resolutions in recent years, the Branch is now the DOJ's fastest-growing enforcement component. It also is the primary outside counsel for key consumer-protection agencies, including the FDA, FTC, CPSC, DEA, and DOT. Our discussion features the Branch's recent Director and explores its current and expected enforcement trends. We also discuss the Branch's unique relationships with agency partners, its resources and authorities, and new corporate compliance policies and expectations. The conversation is of particular interest to life sciences, consumer product, and online companies and executives.

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