

# 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 recently secured more than \$6 billion in monetary penalties across dozens of corporate resolutions, the Branch is now 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 will feature the Branch's recent Director and explore 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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