

# Webcast: FARA and CFIUS Enforcement

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This webinar discusses recent developments in two key national security topics. We focus on the Department of Justice's increased enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) and the more muscular approach the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) recently has taken. The FARA discussion covers:

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- The Department of Justice's increased use of FARA as an enforcement tool
- The current status and implications of *Attorney General vs. Wynn* (D.C. Cir. 2024)
- Recent FARA prosecutions, such as the indictment of former N.Y. state official Linda Sun
- Recent congressional legislative proposals to amend FARA
- The outlook for potential state-level FARA regimes

The CFIUS and Outbound Investment discussion addresses:

- Enforcement trends for CFIUS filings and mitigation monitoring and compliance
- The evolution of CFIUS's use of civil monetary penalties and recent examples
- CFIUS's expanded authority to use subpoena power in reviews
- CFIUS's evolving approach to identifying and reviewing non-notified transactions
- The contours of the new Outbound Investment Security Program
- What financial investors and strategic companies are doing now to prepare for compliance with outbound investment restrictions

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