

Webcast: FCPA and Anti-Corruption Enforcement Trends in Global Markets

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2024 saw significant anti-corruption developments around the globe, as governments continued to ramp up domestic and extraterritorial anti-corruption enforcement against a backdrop of continued major political, economic and military developments around the world. Meanwhile, in the early days of the new Trump administration, the Department of Justice has outlined its new criminal enforcement priorities, and it remains uncertain how this will impact ongoing FCPA cases or the pipeline of future enforcement actions at the Department, and whether other enforcement agencies in the U.S. or abroad will follow suit. This webcast explores the approach taken by regulators in the global arena in addressing these challenges and examine the trends seen in FCPA and global anti-corruption political, policy, and enforcement actions. Anti-corruption enforcement in China has led to significant enforcement actions in state-run financial and energy sector companies, while the government has signaled its intent to focus on bribe payors with new anti-corruption amendments to its Criminal Law. China's legislative bodies have also continued their focus on data privacy, national security, and international judicial cooperation in ways that impact efforts to conduct internal investigations or cooperate with outside enforcement agencies. The EU continues its struggle to harmonize its anti-corruption enforcement initiatives across 27 member states and is further challenged by the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on businesses operating in the region. 2024 also saw a number of significant developments in Africa, including FCPA enforcement actions involving six African countries in sectors such as consulting, software and aviation. The past year also saw Africa-related corruption prosecutions in the UK, France and Germany, as well as domestic enforcement and anti-corruption actions taken by the African Development Bank. Finally, in recent years Latin American enforcement authorities have cooperated closely with U.S. authorities on anti-corruption enforcement matters. The challenge for 2025 and beyond will be whether the Trump Administration's shift in anti-corruption enforcement and U.S. foreign policy in the region—underscored by recent disputes with Mexico and Colombia over tariffs, and Panama over the Panama Canal—will lead to a global pullback in anti-corruption political and enforcement efforts and reduce international cooperation on anti-corruption investigations.

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