

Webcast: FCPA Trends in the Emerging Markets

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Throughout 2023, regulators around the world continued to face corruption challenges as part of an increasingly competitive—and politically tense—global market. Economic downturns, continued armed conflict, and rising tensions between global superpowers both drove corruption risk, and complicated cooperative enforcement of anti-corruption laws. This webcast will explore the approach taken by emerging markets in addressing these challenges and examine the trends seen in FCPA and local anti-corruption enforcement actions. Tensions between China and the United States continue to complicate cross-border cooperation, but have not slowed the pace of global and domestic anti-corruption enforcement in the region. China continues to impose new laws and regulations aimed at both bribe payors and recipients, while expanding its anti-corruption sweep in the finance and healthcare sectors. In India, there have been a slew of legislative and regulatory developments that impact compliance requirements and investigative procedures in the country. Widely heralded reforms in Latin America have failed to result in meaningful enforcement actions to curb corruption. In Africa, while recent years have seen encouraging anti-corruption enforcement trends both through local agencies and prosecuting agencies abroad, these advances are threatened by an uptick in non-democratic political transitions and continuing risks of armed conflict. While Russia-focused sanctions have lead many U.S. and European businesses to discontinue operations there, some of Russia's neighboring markets have thrived by creating a new map of trade flows, many with new and challenging risk profiles that require significant attention. Join our team of experienced international anti-corruption attorneys to learn more about how to do business in Asia, Latin America, Europe, CIS and across Africa without running afoul of anti-corruption laws, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"). Topics to be discussed:

1. An overview of FCPA enforcement statistics and trends for 2023;
2. The corruption landscape in key emerging markets, including recent headlines and scandals;
3. Lessons learned from local anti-corruption enforcement in Asia, Latin America, Europe, CIS, and across Africa;
4. Key anti-corruption legislative changes in Asia, Latin America, Europe, CIS, and Africa; and
5. Mitigation strategies for businesses operating in high-risk areas

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