

Webcast: Navigating Blocking Statutes in Government Investigations

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This insightful webcast explores the complexities of blocking statutes and their impact on government investigations. As regulatory scrutiny intensifies across jurisdictions, understanding how these statutes operate — and how they can affect cross-border data access — is essential for legal and compliance professionals. Our panel of experts breaks down key legal frameworks, recent enforcement trends, and practical strategies for navigating conflicts between domestic obligations and foreign legal restrictions.

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