

# Webcast: Running Internal Investigations Effectively

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This 60 minute module will walk you through the key aspects that you should have in mind when preparing the work plan, structure and instruct the team for an internal investigation. Because there is no “one-size-fits-all”-approach to structuring an internal investigation, we will analyze and assess different key elements of an internal investigation that require attention, namely:

- The relevant addressee of the results of the investigation
- The work plan and its updates
- Considerations to include witness counsel
- Considerations to maximize the legal privilege in multi-jurisdictional settings
- Considerations to be made before sharing findings with the Government
- Preparation of witness interviews (in person and virtual)
- Presentation formats for the findings of an investigation

At the end of the module you should have a good understanding of the do's and don'ts that will enable you to preparing, running an internal investigation and presenting its results more effectively.

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