

Webcast: SEC Enforcement Update

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This year has reflected a dichotomy in SEC Enforcement. On one hand, the Enforcement Division has continued to pursue an aggressive agenda pressing expansive legal theories, increasing sanctions and broad rulemaking. At the same time, certain Commissioners have publicly dissented from some of the Division's more aggressive positions, and the SEC has suffered a number of notable defeats in the courts, all of which have potentially broad implications for the Enforcement program. Added to all of that is the potential for a shift in enforcement focus with the upcoming change in administration, regardless of the outcome of the Presidential election. Gibson Dunn attorneys, including two former SEC regional directors, will cover the latest hot topics in SEC Enforcement, including:

- Implications of recent court decisions
- Latest trends in SEC Enforcement
- Strategies for mitigating risk of investigations and enforcement actions
- Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond

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