

# Webcast: Update on COVID-19-Related Developments in Securities Litigation and Corporate Best Practices

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The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes in daily life, disruption to businesses and the economy, as well as dramatic market volatility. As a follow up to the webinar conducted in May 2020, in this webinar, Gibson Dunn and Cornerstone Research will provide an update on COVID-19-related securities litigation filed since the pandemic began and corporate best practices, including the following topics:

- Trends in COVID-19-related securities and derivative lawsuits
- Issues for companies to consider in preparing risk disclosures and discussing forward looking projections
- Best practices for Board of Directors oversight
- Economic analyses that are particularly relevant for COVID-19 related securities actions

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