Events

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The webinar series is hosted by a team of cross-disciplinary Perkins Coie lawyers who will provide a monthly overview and discussion forum on a critical hot topic in ethics and compliance. Each topic provides a look at emerging issues and offers creative solutions to potential compliance problems.

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Upcoming Sessions

03.20.2025: FDA and USDA Compliance: Insights for Food Tech Innovations: An introduction into the world of food tech innovations from an FDA and USDA regulatory perspective. During this session, we will cover innovations ranging from precision fermentation and cultivated (lab-grown) meat to molecular farming. Our food regulatory chair will provide timely insights into recent and anticipated developments at both the FDA and USDA in light of Trump administration priorities, including President Trump's newly-established Make America Healthy Again Commission.

04.17.2025: Avoiding SEC Scrutiny: How Companies Can Navigate the Risks of "AI Washing". With AI increasingly transforming business operations, the manner in which companies present and describe their AI capabilities to attract customers and investors is growing more critical. The SEC has recently sharpened its focus on potential misrepresentations in this area, a practice known as "AI washing." Our team offers an overview of the SEC's recent actions addressing AI washing, detailing recent enforcement measures, available defenses, and key insights for businesses to reduce the risk of SEC scrutiny.

06.18.2025: Best practices on preserving and securing insurance coverage for claims, including demand letters, lawsuits, subpoenas, and circumstances which later may give rise to a claim.

Past Sessions

- **O2.27.2025:** Non-Profits in the Crosshairs: Essential Strategies for Nonprofit Leaders Navigating a New **Era of Scrutiny**: This comprehensive session will provide a high level overview of critical topics raised by recent executive and legislative actions, each presented by leading advisors in their respective fields.
- **02.20.2025:** Navigating the Patchwork of State Employment Laws: Due to the lack of congressional action on key issues affecting employees, many state legislatures have decided not to wait and have enacted their own laws on a wide range of topics. This resulting patchwork of state laws makes full compliance difficult for the multi-jurisdictional employer. In this webinar, our lawyers will cover two particularly important areas of state law noncompete agreements and the proper classification of workers and provide guidance on best practices for policy development and compliance.
- **01.16.2025:** Corporate Transparency Act In Flux: What to Do and What Comes Next? The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against enforcement of the beneficial ownership information reporting requirements of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) on December 3, 2024. This program will discuss the injunction and current status of the appeals. We will also provide guidance for companies navigating this new and uncertain terrain going forward.
- **12.19.2024:** Preparing to Interact with the Incoming Administration and Congress: We address lawful participation in inauguration and swearing-in events as well as how a company can set itself up for compliance when lobbying the new Congress.
- **11.21.2024:** <u>Untangling the Web Your Roadmap To Navigating State Privacy and Data Security Laws</u>: Discover how to build a multijurisdictional compliance program and master the nuances of state-specific privacy and data security requirements.
- **10.17.2024:** <u>Gatekeeper Liability</u>: Gatekeepers—including attorneys, accountants, auditors, and compliance officers play an important role in ensuring the integrity of the financial markets and protecting investors.
- **09.19.2024:** Navigating US Restrictions on Business Transactions with Russia, China and Other "Countries of Concern": Looking around the corner at foreign investment and foreign data sharing restrictions—navigating recent executive orders limiting investment in China and sharing data with China, Russia, and other "countries of concern."
- **08.15.2024:** Texting Troubles Tackling the Mounting Legal and Compliance Risks of Business

 Communications on Personal Phones: In this session, Shari Brandt, Margaret Meyers, and Rachel Mechanic discusses key steps that companies and individuals can take to comply with their legal obligations and reduce overall exposure.
- **07.18.2024:** Navigating the DOJ's New Whistleblower and Self-Disclosure Programs: In this session, Perkins Coie partners Shari Brandt and Angie Jones, and counsel Nikhi Raj provide an overview of the Voluntary Self-Disclosures Pilot Program for Individuals and what may be expected under the Whistleblower Rewards Program, as well as the potential impacts of both.
- **06.20.2024:** Key Climate Reporting, Supply Chain, and Corporate Social Responsibility Issues: In this session, Perkins Coie partners provide an in-depth review of key environmental, social, and governance and corporate social responsibility considerations for companies operating in the United States.

05.16.2024: The Corporate Transparency Act: A Primer for In-House Counsel: The presentation provides practical takeaways for in-house counsel along with discussion of common challenging scenarios and nuances as to application of the exemptions and identification of "beneficial owners" under the rule. Participants will also receive Perkins Coie's CTA Quick Tips Sheet and How-To guides for obtaining identification numbers (FinCEN IDs) and filing Beneficial Ownership Information Reports under the CTA.

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