



## US Law and Policy

"...one of the most high-powered and high-profile lobbying shops in the nation's capital"—*The National Law Journal*

Today's legal issues are contested not only in conventional legal arenas, but also before international tribunals, federal agencies and departments, on Capitol Hill and in the media. We provide our clients with the strategies they need to manage crises and create opportunities.

Successful advocacy before legislative and executive branch decision makers as well as independent federal agencies demands vast experience and insight. The Federal Law and Policy group has the focus, the experience and the drive to achieve our clients' goals. We use a cross-disciplinary approach in our engagements because the path to success frequently is not linear, but one that requires carefully coordinated efforts in different forums. And, as clients increasingly recognize, legislative and administrative advocacy is a skill that is quite distinct from defending an enforcement action or seeking to overturn a recently promulgated rule or regulation.

Many of the lawyers and other professionals in this group have held senior elected, appointed and staff positions in all branches of the federal government and in numerous state governments. Others have important experience in the corporate world.

- Positioning issues for successful advocacy
- Developing congressional and governmental champions
- Managing congressional investigations
- Writing and preparing witnesses to deliver congressional testimony
- Drafting proposed legislation
- Monitor legislation
- Representing clients before regulatory agencies
- Ensuring compliance with campaign finance, ethics and lobbying laws
- Organizing and managing coalitions
- Building grassroots support
- Managing political and public relations crises
- Managing internal corporate communications
- Drafting op-eds, press releases and speeches
- Developing state political outreach
- Engaging foreign policymakers, governments and embassies
- Advising on corporate governance and best practices

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- Regulatory and Government Affairs
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- Real Estate
- Tax
  
- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources

## CAPABILITES

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### Congressional Investigations

Congressional investigations are unlike any other legal proceeding. Committees act as both judge and prosecutor. There are no evidentiary rules, and there is no right to call witnesses or to cross examine witnesses making charges against you. Many committees do not recognize the attorney client privilege and proprietary documents are not protected from public disclosure. And in many instances, these investigations play out on the front page of newspapers and on the network news. DLA Piper has very seasoned attorneys who have successfully represented scores of clients in navigating this very unsettling world of congressional investigations.

### Cybersecurity

DLA Piper has been working on behalf of clients with Members of Congress and staff on the committees with jurisdiction over cybersecurity, including House and Senate Homeland Security, Commerce Committees, as well as the Intelligence Committee on the House side, in order to not only help shape legislation, but to also provide advice regarding Congressional oversight of DHS, NIST, and the agencies with regulatory authority over industry sectors.

### Defense

Our team has a long record of achievement representing defense industry clients in accomplishing their business, legal, and political goals. We are the only firm in the world that offers both a top-tier US defense practice, as well as the ability to draw upon experienced defense, procurement, and infrastructure lawyers throughout the world. We provide innovative business counsel and representation to our defense clients – from contract counseling to corporate strategic advice, to securing objectives through the budget/authorization /appropriation process, to international sales and transactions, to representing companies in litigation arising in conflict and post-conflict environments.

### E-Commerce and Privacy

We work with clients to solve business problems wherever their needs may lead. We assist clients in obtaining solutions to issues posed by US legislation, compliance demands, proposed federal and state laws, international compacts, free trade agreements and the World Intellectual Property Organization treaties. Our group counseling companies on the issues they encounter while doing business online, and we counsel copyright owners, ISPs and equipment manufacturers regarding proposed privacy legislation, infringement liability and copy protection technology strategies, as well as a broad range of other liability issues. We have extensive experience in rulemaking and enforcement proceedings before the Federal Trade Commission and have participated in significant Federal Communications Commission proceedings on regulation of the Internet.

### Energy

Our lawyers help clients develop solutions and strategies arising from the ongoing deregulation and restructuring in the energy industry. We have extensive experience in energy and public utility law, providing assistance to industrial and commercial consumers, electric service providers and power producers. The firm has also represented all segments of the oil and gas industry in regulatory matters, as well as in the development and restructuring of federal laws.

### Environmental

DLA Piper environmental attorneys anticipate, track, and find solutions to emerging environmental issues that concern its local, national, and international clients. The group has extensive experience with every major environmental policy and proposed legislative issue, spanning air, water, solid and hazardous waste, wetlands, chemical substances, right-to-know, and other areas. The foundation of our group is the in-depth knowledge of these federal regulatory programs and policies, and their state counterparts.

### Financial Services

The financial services industry has seen dramatic changes in recent years in federal and state legislatures, regulatory agencies and the

marketplace. The group was actively involved in the development and passage of the Dodd-Frank law as well as subsequent legislative action. Our attorneys and consultants work extensively on the leading issues facing many of the nation's largest diversified financial institutions, trade associations, industry coalitions and individual entities before Congress, the White House, Treasury, SEC and other federal regulatory agencies.

## Foreign Government Representation

The group has represented numerous foreign governments, international business organizations, and non-governmental organizations before Congress and the Executive Branch for many years. Members of the group have led the coordinated lobbying, public affairs, and grassroots campaign to achieve NATO and have developed and directed non-governmental business coalitions supporting free trade agreements.

## International Policy Development and Business Strategy

Our team has decades of firsthand experience working with the national security committees in Congress, the Departments of State and Defense, the National Security Council and the nation's intelligence agencies. We also have the experience needed to communicate effectively with foreign governments and their diplomatic missions. Our clients are able to call on that experience and knowledge as they work to align their business strategies with evolving US national security policy. We help clients develop market-entry strategies; finance and insure their overseas trade and investments; identify strategic partners and overseas contacts; anticipate, define, and manage political, economic, and financial risk; forecast and defend against adverse action by foreign host governments and regulatory agencies; and establish ties with host government policy makers and regulators.

## Political Law

Few areas are as heavily regulated as lobbying, campaign finance and government ethics. At the federal level, new laws, amended congressional rules and policies have resulted in a patchwork of confusing, even conflicting requirements. State and local laws and rules further complicate the situation clients face. While lobbying and political activity are protected rights and often important components in achieving public policy objectives, new rules and closer scrutiny pose serious legal and reputational risks for organizations and individuals. We offer experienced, practical advice and develop appropriate, effective political law compliance programs designed to ensure that companies conduct their lobbying and campaign activities in full compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and best practices.

## Tax

We provide clients the experience and skills to integrate business strategies with evolving public policy. We regularly assist clients before Congress and the IRS in obtaining tax legislation and favorable tax rulings. We also have a strong record of representing corporate, educational, and foreign and domestic individual clients in tax related matters.

## EXPERIENCE

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- Represented a Chinese telecom company on sanctions issues and Congressional investigation into whether the company's products could be used to aid espionage and cyber-spying. Our attorneys successfully advocated on behalf of the client to protect their brand in the US and continue to do so.
- Represent a US joint venture with Japan to develop a high speed rail system in the northeast corridor of the US on environmental impact issues relating to rail corridor development as well as relevant appropriations to fund various rail programs and the American Jobs Act which contain rail development authorizations for true high speed rail as well as creating a national infrastructure bank to support rail development projects.
- Represent a Middle Eastern cable and satellite news television channel in the purchase and launch of a US TV channel. Providing a continued government advocacy campaign to minimize adverse reaction to the acquisition by outreach to the Administration, Congress and third-party groups (think tanks, community leaders, etc.) and regulatory approval by the FCC and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS).
- Worked with a large Defense company to resurrect a billion dollar defense weapons system, which had been initially cancelled by the Defense Department. The effort involved drafting legislative language and creating a significant strategy for advocating before all Congressional Defense committees.

- Advising the nation's first proposed offshore wind farm in a multifaceted regulatory and legislative licensing and approval process, including the Department of the Interior, the Department of Energy, the FAA, the Coast Guard, the EPA, the Corps of Engineers and other agencies, while defeating all legislative challenges initiated by project opponents.
- Represented an early education group and helped develop multifaceted congressional strategy to secure an additional \$1.1 billion in funding for early education programs.
- Represent the National Coalition on E-Commerce and Privacy, which has been at the forefront of every major public policy and regulatory development involving the collection, security and use of personally identifiable information.
- Advise clients on lobbying and ethics regulation matters including: training for company attorneys on political law compliance; political activity and PAC strategies; and advise on state lobbying and pay-to-play compliance matters.
- Served as counsel to a small innovative, pharmaceutical company in developing legal, legislative and media strategies to preserve the full patent life of the companies pioneering lifesaving drug. We worked closely with senior Administration policymakers to achieve a positive outcome for our client.
- Represent Analytical Graphics Inc. (AGI) to develop and execute a high level Congressional outreach campaign to advance the sale of AGI's Space Situation Awareness (SSA) technology to the US Air Force. Our representation is focused on educating Congress as well as key stakeholders at the Department of Defense and US Air Force on the benefits of using AGI's commercial technology solutions.
- Represent a Middle Eastern banking industry association before the US government to develop coordinated strategies for addressing international money laundering, terrorism financing, and sanctions compliance efforts.
- Advise an international paint manufacturing company on general Congressional outreach and legislative monitoring of the Chemical Safety Improvement Act (CSIA) of 2013.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### District court erred in *Arrington*: implications of anti-poaching class action for franchising

30 September 2022

[FRANCAST](#)

Key details and implications for companies.

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#### SEC's expanded ability to seek disgorgement upheld

28 September 2022

The recent decision may provide the SEC with further ammunition to collect significant monetary sanctions.

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#### CFPB issues \$191 million enforcement action regarding overdraft fees on Authorized Positive-Settle Negative debit card transactions

28 September 2022

Institutions that charge overdraft fees on Authorized Positive-Settle Negative transactions are encouraged to promptly evaluate their practices.

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### FDA Regulatory News and Trends

28 September 2022

[FDA REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

FDA focuses on key areas of science in annual regulatory planning document; FDA and NIH launch new partnership to advance understanding of ALS.

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## **Bioeconomy Executive Order: A whole-of-government approach to advancing biotechnology and biomanufacturing**

26 September 2022

The EO signals the Biden Administration's commitment to US leadership in biotechnology and biomanufacturing.

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## **Industrials Regulatory News and Trends**

23 September 2022

### **INDUSTRIALS REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

White House announces new federal money for biotech companies; NTSB and FAA divide responsibility for investigating space accidents.

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## **A new tech regulatory agency? Key senator calls for more enforcement “teeth”**

21 September 2022

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) raised eyebrows around Washington last week when he suggested that he and colleagues are working on creating a “regulatory environment with teeth” to police, and perhaps license, social media companies.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

21 September 2022

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

IRS releases draft Form 1040 with new cryptocurrency question; lawsuit may expand liability exposure of blockchain software developers.

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## **IRS releases draft Form 1040 with new cryptocurrency question**

21 September 2022

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

The new questions could potentially offer taxpayers more guidance.

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## **SEC Chair Gensler continues to push broad SEC authority over digital assets**

21 September 2022

Tokens generally meet the definition of a security under the Howey test because the investing public is expecting profits derived from the efforts of others in a common enterprise.

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## **Biden Executive Order directs a broader national security focus on foreign investments**

20 September 2022

This marks the first time since CFIUS was established in 1975 that a president has publicly issued such direction.

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### **Preemption in the abortion context – recent cases shed light on limits of federal law to supersede state restrictions**

20 September 2022

The implications of these preemption issues on certain stakeholders are not to be understated.

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### **Bills awaiting Governor Newsom’s signature would impose significant obligations on California employers**

19 September 2022

Summaries of seven noteworthy bills that may be signed into law soon.

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

19 September 2022

#### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS**

FDA will enforce new food traceability rule; Canada expands funds for northern communities; fast food workers; farmed fish; nicotine.

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### **Deputy AG’s remarks on corporate criminal enforcement – key highlights**

16 September 2022

Monaco focused on five upcoming shifts in DOJ’s corporate crime initiatives.

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### **California poised to extend COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave requirements**

15 September 2022

If signed, AB 152 will extend the COVID-19 SPSL requirements through December 31, 2022.

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### **As the public health emergency continues, OIG and CMS issue documents impacting telehealth providers**

September 13, 2022

Telehealth providers should stand ready to revise current practices to align with federal regulations and enforcement priorities.

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### **NLRB proposes new standard that will greatly expand scope of “joint employment”**

13 September 2022

The NLRB’s proposal effectively returns to the joint employment standard as it existed in the wake of the 2015 Browning-Ferris decision.

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### **FDA Regulatory News and Trends**

12 September 2022

## FDA REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS

EUAs now permitted in monkeypox health emergency; FDA issues series of warning letters; user-fee reauthorization still not close.

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### Industrials Regulatory News and Trends

12 September 2022

## INDUSTRIALS REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS

Application season may begin soon for new semiconductor program; California takes more steps to ensure plastics recycling; EPA waives fuel regulations after industrial accident.

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### Federal agency reports on responsible development of digital assets are due this week

6 September 2022

An array of agency reports are due.

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### Hear ye, hear ye! FDA finalizes OTC hearing aids rule and issues updated guidance on personal sound amplification products

6 September 2022

A paradigm shift for the hearing aid industry and patients.

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### eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

6 September 2022

## ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

Federal agencies' reports on responsible development of digital assets are due to the President this week.

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### Food and Beverage News and Trends

2 September 2022

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

### GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

White House announces first federal conference on hunger, nutrition and health since 1969; major review of FDA food programs begins; Canada moves away from open-net pen salmon farming.

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## Industrials Regulatory News and Trends

25 August 2022

### [INDUSTRIALS REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Chemical manufacturers call for federal solutions to shipping problems, head of NHTSA departs, court upholds FCC reallocation of a key spectrum block.

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## Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

23 August 2022

### [CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB and OCC announce \$225 million fine against national bank over administration of state unemployment benefits during pandemic.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

22 August 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Proposed legislation aims to strengthen CFTC oversight of crypto marketplace; SEC imposes automatic penalties for failure to comply with a consent order; NFT projects reconsider licensing strategies

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## Inflation Reduction Act makes substantial changes to federal healthcare laws

19 August 2022

The topline on how this law impacts health policy.

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## Inflation Reduction Act seeks to jumpstart electric vehicle market

19 August 2022

Electric vehicle-related tax incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act and the multiple conditions that may initially limit their applicability and use.

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## Inside the Inflation Reduction Act

19 August 2022

A look at the business-critical aspects of this sweeping, extraordinary legislation and its implications for clean energy projects, electric vehicle development, corporate taxes, healthcare, and environmental policy.

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## The historic Inflation Reduction Act makes significant changes to federal environmental law and programs

19 August 2022

The IRA aims to achieve environmental policy goals through an array of programs addressing greenhouse gas and methane emissions, environmental justice, and climate resilience.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

18 August 2022

### GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

USDA proposes standards for organic livestock and poultry; FDA issues guidance on egg rule; Blue Bell mistrial; Black Sea Grain Initiative.

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## Addressing potential FTC liability when your net-zero claims turn out to be false

17 August 2022

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

In striving to reach net zero, organizations are aiming for an even balance between the amount of GHG they produce and the amount they remove from the atmosphere.

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## How the Digital Commodities Consumer Protection Act of 2022 would broaden the CFTC's authority to regulate cryptocurrencies and other digital assets

17 August 2022

The DCCPA would aim to close regulatory gaps between state and federal regulation of cryptocurrencies, but to varying degrees.

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## The clean energy provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 – a historic effort to encourage the development of clean energy and reduce carbon emissions

17 August 2022

The IRA will have a dramatic impact on development and financing of clean energy projects in the US over the next ten years, not least by expanding tax credits to additional technologies and allowing project owners to directly transfer those credits.

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## Senate Bill S74A seeks to significantly expand recoverable damages in wrongful death actions in New York

16 August 2022

This amendment is part of a trend in state law to expand the damages available to surviving family members asserting claims for the loss of a loved one.

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## The Inflation Reduction Act becomes law: An overview of the tax law changes

17 August 2022

The recently passed IRA contains certain significant changes in relation to the IRA originally proposed by the House of Representatives.

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## The SAFE Banking Act and CLIMB Act would give comfort to financial institutions that elect to provide services to marijuana-related businesses

9 August 2022

Congress is considering two possible solutions that would give the cannabis industry legal access to financial services.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

5 August 2022

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

#### GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

FDA chief says major review of its food program is under way; Canada enacts supplemental food labelling rules; former Blue Bell CEO's criminal trial begins.

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## SEC enforcement priorities emphasize robust enforcement, remedies, and compliance

2 August 2022

Key takeaways for companies across all industries.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

2 August 2022

### ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

ULC approves important new amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for state adoption.

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## FDA issues draft guidance on conducting remote regulatory assessments

1 August 2022

A clear sign that remote regulatory assessments are here to stay.

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## Inflation Reduction Act: 15 percent minimum book tax in the context of Pillar 2

1 August 2022

US Treasury and the OECD appear committed to finding a solution that could incorporate some kind of tracing mechanism for Pillar 2 purposes into GILTI.

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## Important tax proposals included in Democrats' slimmed-down reconciliation bill

29 July 2022

A high-level overview of the tax provisions of the IRA.

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## Fading into the sunset: The last of the Sunset Rule (for now)

27 July 2022

HHS concluded the Sunset Rule was inconsistent with the department's statutory obligations and its mission to promote and protect the public health.

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## HIPAA guidance on disclosures relating to reproductive healthcare: Risk mitigation and strategies

26 July 2022

The guidance reminds covered entities and their business associates that, absent an individual's authorization, they may use and disclose personal health information only as expressly permitted or required by HIPAA.

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### **US Department of Justice and HHS-OIG target telemedicine companies, issuing companion enforcement action and Special Fraud Alert**

26 July 2022

OIG and DOJ are focusing on instances where there is no medical necessity or where companies improperly incentivize practitioners.

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### **FDA issues final guidance on patient labeling for drugs and biologics**

25 July 2022

FDA's final guidance provides recommendations to maximize the clear presentation of IFU instructions and enhance patient understanding.

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

22 July 2022

#### **[FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

The soaring cost of fertilizer is bringing long-term changes to the global food system.

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### **Stablecoin Transparency Act introduced in Congress**

25 July 2022

The act would be the first congressional statute to regulate stablecoins.

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### **Update on the new European Markets in Crypto-Assets regulation**

25 July 2022

The controversial regulation aims to protect investors and preserve financial stability.

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### **DOJ plans to make US sanctions enforcement "the new FCPA": watch these key areas**

5 July 2022

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### **Impact on global implementation of Pillar 2 if the US fails to adopt it**

21 July 2022

It is uncertain whether the US will be able to adopt the necessary changes in the near future.

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### **Supreme Court restricts EPA regulation of greenhouse gas emissions**

19 July 2022

The decision calls into question the scope of EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

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### **Top trends for US employers: Mid-year update**

19 July 2022

We recap key developments over the last six months and look at the potential changes ahead related to the top 2022 trends we identified at the start of the year.

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### **CBP enforcement of the new UFLPA restrictions**

18 July 2022

Importers must meet a high evidentiary standard in demonstrating that goods were not made with forced labor, among other requirements.

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### **FDA Regulatory News and Trends**

15 July 2022

#### **[FDA REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

FDA announces a new action plan for rare neurodegenerative diseases.

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### **A step forward in the FY2023 appropriations process: Key proposals the life sciences sector should watch**

8 July 2022

True to form, the House of Representatives is off to a fast start.

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### **Committing to measurable ESG initiatives in the Food and Beverage Sector: Doing well by doing good**

6 July 2022

#### **[ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES](#)**

At least 73 percent of the world's largest companies in the food and beverage sector have a sustainable development target, but only a quarter of these are setting time-bound targets and the remaining 27 percent have no sustainability strategy, according to the World Benchmarking Alliance.

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### **The rise of global telehealth**

30 June 2022

#### **[AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND LAW PODCAST SERIES](#)**

Partners Kristi Kung and Greg Bodulovic discuss the rise of telehealth amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as advancements in technology aiming to address disparate access to healthcare globally.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 June 2022

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Identity fraud is the basis of the first lawsuit filed in connection with a notarial act performed using remote online notarization.

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## Data privacy bill in Congress would create federal enforcement over algorithms

29 June 2022

### [AI OUTLOOK](#)

Policymakers are paying ever more attention to algorithms and the growing role they play in our lives.

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## EPA's new ultralow PFAS health advisory levels portend regulatory and litigation risks – but do not overextend them

29 June 2022

There is much more to come in PFAS regulation; in the context of liability risk, it is critical to analyze HALs for what they are – and what they are *not*.

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## UPDATE: Supreme Court to review government's ability to dismiss *qui tam* complaints

29 June 2022

There currently exists a three-way split on this issue.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

28 June 2022

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Fed chair, vice chairs and new board members confirmed by Senate; nominee for top bank supervision post advances.

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## FDA Regulatory News and Trends

28 June 2022

### [FDA REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Guidance coming to supplements industry on new dietary ingredients; approval rescinded for a cancer drug; program will seek new ways to sterilize devices.

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## Chicago employers face new and updated sexual harassment policy and training requirements

27 June 2022

Employers with operations in Chicago are encouraged to review their employment policies and training ahead of time to ensure compliance.

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## ***Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* : Implications for business of a post-Roe landscape**

23 June 2022

*Dobbs* raises a number of important questions for companies and entities.

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## **How the Responsible Financial Innovation Act proposes to regulate cryptocurrencies and other digital assets – commodities perspective**

23 June 2022

Implications for those active in digital asset markets.

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## **Antitrust regulators focus on private equity**

21 June 2022

The consent order imposes a ten-year pre-transaction approval and notification requirement on JAB *and* on the required divestiture purchaser.

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## **Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends**

21 June 2022

### **CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

CFPB announces a new inquiry into employer-driven debt products and practices.

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## **US Supreme Court: Federal Arbitration Act preempts California's Iskanian rule prohibiting individual arbitration of PAGA claims**

21 June 2022

The decision underscores the critical importance of severability clauses in preserving a party's right to compel arbitration.

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## **Second Circuit roadmaps standing under the ADA**

14 June 2022

The decision is a reminder that plaintiffs seeking relief for an alleged ADA violation must establish the elements of standing at the pleading stage or risk dismissal of the claim.

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## **California and New York propose banning textiles containing PFAS; California moves to impose significant reporting obligations**

13 June 2022

Prudent manufacturers of consumer products will continue to monitor the changing legislative landscape.

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## **Former BIO CEO Jim Greenwood: 1 million dead, \$16 trillion in losses is our wake-up call on pandemic preparedness**

7 June 2022

While biological events may be inevitable, their level of impact on our country is not.

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## **Opportunity despite uncertainty: Innovative strategies in commodity markets**

6 June 2022

Electricity experts and officials warn that states may not have enough power to meet demand in the coming months.

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## **Congressional leaders reach bipartisan compromise on potential federal privacy legislation**

2 June 2022

The proposed bill would preempt most state privacy laws and include a limited private right of action.

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## **California Supreme Court holds that failure to pay meal and rest period premium wages can support derivative claims**

26 May 2022

Key details and implications for employers.

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## **FDA continues CBD enforcement and ramps up delta-8 THC enforcement; agency focuses on youth-appealing products**

19 May 2022

FDA has adopted a more aggressive enforcement strategy toward delta-8 THC than it has for CBD, and it is actively moving against products that carry significant risk of youth appeal.

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## **A look at the FTC's Green Guides for US marketers of emissions reduction credits**

18 May 2022

A major aspect of a well-functioning secondary market in emission reduction credits is the transmission of truthful and reliable information.

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## **Protecting your IP in Russia: Best practices, action steps**

18 May 2022

### **[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)**

US companies may take action in Russia to protect their IP rights, notwithstanding US economic and trade sanctions.

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## **New wave of US sanctions on Russia targets services, broadcasting, banking, and US exports**

16 May 2022

### **GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

The US government continues to announce new measures.

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## **Nonsolicitation agreements face antitrust scrutiny**

16 May 2022

Some of the court's rulings in the case may be relied on by the government as it continues to focus on non-solicitation and no-poach agreements.

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## **New York City delays effective date of pay transparency law**

13 May 2022

The effective date of the pay transparency law has been delayed until November 1, 2022, giving employers more time to plan to get into compliance.

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## **Environmental justice takes a permanent place at the Department of Justice**

12 May 2022

Companies with environmental interests should consider several dynamics arising from these policy developments and resource allocations.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

11 May 2022

### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

Embracing the movement towards digital and ESG.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

6 May 2022

HHS moves against menthol in tobacco, Canada seeks to strengthen food system through digital food hub, plus caramels, Kansas, Closer to Zero.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

21 April 2022

### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS**

FDA announces new approach to food allergens; oyster recall in Canada and US; bird flu update; and the price of food has never been

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higher.

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### **US Citizenship and Immigration Services filing period now open for selected H-1B Visa registrants**

20 April 2022

Selected registrants may now file a corresponding H-1B petition between April 1 and June 30, 2022.

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### **FDIC issues new crypto-asset guidance and notification requirements**

19 April 2022

New requirements for FDIC-supervised institutions that engage, or intend to engage, in any crypto-related activities.

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### **US DOC initiates circumvention inquiries against solar cells and modules from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam**

14 April 2022

Any additional duties could be applied retroactively to entries before April 1 and could be as much as or in excess of 250 percent of the price of the applicable CSPV cells and modules.

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### **California considers restricting secret settlements in cases involving allegedly defective products, harmful environmental conditions**

13 April 2022

If signed into law, the bill would impact defendants and defense attorneys in matters involving product liability or environmental claims.

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### **EPA moves to prohibit ongoing uses of chrysotile asbestos**

11 April 2022

The proposed rule would prohibit the import, manufacture, processing, distribution and commercial use of chrysotile asbestos in connection with six current uses.

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### **DLA Piper secures unanimous decision from New York's Appellate Division, First Department: COVID-19 business interruption claims are not covered under property policies**

8 April 2022

The policyholder in the case argued that COVID-19 droplets and respiratory particles that transmit the virus physically altered its premises.

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### **DOJ Antitrust Division updates Leniency Program**

6 April 2022

The DOJ considers the Leniency Program central to its criminal antitrust enforcement efforts.

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## **New antidumping duty petition: certain preserved mushrooms from France, the Netherlands, Poland and Spain – consequences for industry and downstream consumers**

6 April 2022

The petitioner seeks the imposition of antidumping duties on imports of the preserved mushrooms from each of the four countries.

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## **New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: white grape juice concentrate from Argentina – consequences for industry and downstream consumers**

5 April 2022

Key details of the petition.

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## **US escalates sanctions targeting Russian evasion networks, tech companies and cyber actors; signals more sanctions are on the way**

5 April 2022

### **GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

These new measures supplement the extensive measures previously announced by the US government.

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## **California DFPI issues interpretive opinions regarding money transmission**

31 March 2022

Key details.

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## **Money laundering in trading works of art – US Treasury report addresses NFT marketplaces**

31 March 2022

Regulators continue to grapple with how and whether to regulate various aspects of the digital asset economy.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

31 March 2022

### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

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## **Implications of recent Treasury Green Book tax proposals**

29 March 2022

Taken together, the Treasury Department concludes that the proposals would raise more than \$2.5 trillion over the ten-year budget cycle.

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## **New wave of US sanctions targets Russian Duma, additional elites, defense entities; BIS extends export controls to more than 100 Russian aircraft**

29 March 2022

## [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The latest sanctions affect all members of the Duma, Russian elites, bank executives and board members, and Russian defense firms, and BIS has extended export controls to certain Russian aircraft.

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## **US lifts Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum from the UK effective June 1, 2022**

28 March 2022

The US-UK agreement includes novel requirements that deserve special attention.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

25 March 2022

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Rising strain on global grain markets; California AG ends sales of drinkable sunscreen; Canada to support youth jobs in agri-food; FDA issues positive ruling for bioengineered cattle.

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## **Biden Administration urges American companies to act quickly to improve cybersecurity safeguards**

22 March 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The White House stresses the importance of taking key steps to thwart nation-state bad actor activities.

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## **CafePress to pay \$500,000 for FTC violations**

22 March 2022

The FTC's action highlights government expectations that companies maintain robust cybersecurity programs and provide appropriate disclosures and reports regarding security breaches.

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## **SEC proposes mandatory climate-related disclosure and governance rules**

21 March 2022

The SEC's latest effort to advance the Biden Administration's climate agenda.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

18 March 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Biden EO aims to protect digital asset consumers; UK authorities seize NFTs; Ukraine receiving crypto donations.

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## OECD releases commentary on the Pillar Two GloBE Rules – observations on selected topics

17 March 2022

A look at six topics found in the commentary which have particular relevance for multinational companies and other stakeholders.

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## SEC proposes sweeping new public company cybersecurity disclosure and governance rules

16 March 2022

This rule proposal follows on the heels of several SEC enforcement actions against public companies related to cybersecurity disclosures.

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## US announces new trade restrictions against Russia as well as a new round of sanctions against Russian political elites

16 March 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Many of the newly announced measures will require Congressional action.

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## Amendments to Comprehensive Insurance Disclosure Act are in effect: What New York defendants need to know

15 March 2022

The amendments alleviate some of the act's more onerous disclosure obligations.

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## US Senate unanimously passes the Strengthening American Cybersecurity Act

14 March 2022

Prior versions of this and related legislation failed to win passage in recent years.

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## Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

11 March 2022

### [CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB issues compliance bulletin on illegal auto repossessions.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

11 March 2022

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

EPA revokes tolerances for chlorpyrifos; Russia-Ukraine crisis and the global food supply; can hydroponic crops ever be organic?

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## President Biden's Executive Order on Ensuring Responsible Development of Digital Assets: Consumer protection implications, and 3 steps for digital asset issuers

11 March 2022

Digital assets, the Order states, have "profound implications for the protection of consumers."

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## US continues to escalate sanctions against Russia and Belarus

4 March 2022

### GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

White House announces new sanctions while putting in place extensive new export control measures against Russia and Belarus; DOJ announces Task Force KleptoCapture; OFAC closes some loopholes.

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## The beginning of the end: FDA details roadmap to terminating COVID-19 EUAs and enforcement policies for medical devices, PPE

2 March 2022

The webinar sought to prepare stakeholders for the upcoming transition back to normal operations by describing its expectations for the industry over the 180-day transition period.

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## US escalates its sanctions regime against Russia, targeting its financial system

28 February 2022

### GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

And additional measures are expected to be announced by the US and its allies in the coming days

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

25 February 2022

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

H5N1 avian flu appears on US poultry farms; Mexican avocado ban lifted; Senate confirms Califf as new FDA chief.

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## US imposes further sanctions and export controls against Russia

25 February 2022

### GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

The White House emphasized that these newly announced sanctions and export controls will be complemented with similar measures imposed by US allies and partners.

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## District Court confirms that noncompliance with cybersecurity requirements may lead to False Claims Act liability

16 February 2022

Key details and implications for contractors.

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## New US sanctions in response to Russia's actions against Ukraine

23 February 2022

## GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

Additional sanctions are expected that will target Russia's financial, technology, and defense sectors.

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### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

18 February 2022

## BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

Lawsuit tackles tax treatment of staking rewards; SEC settles with crypto lending platform; emergency measures in Canada affect financial services entities.

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### Being extorted? DOJ issues new FCPA guidance on the duress defense – but questions remain

17 February 2022

Considerations for companies operating in high-risk environments.

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### Congress passes law banning mandatory arbitration of sexual assault and sexual harassment claims

17 February 2022

The Act is expected to be signed by President Joe Biden in the near future and will take effect immediately.

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### SEC addresses cybersecurity risk in proposed rules for the investment management industry

17 February 2022

The proposed rules focus on four key areas: risk management through policies and procedures, incident reporting to the SEC, investor disclosure, and recordkeeping.

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### Court of Federal Claims judge splits from precedent regarding the availability of key personnel

14 February 2022

The decision departs from US Government Accountability Office decisions providing that offerors have a "duty" to advise the procuring agency of changes in proposed key personnel after proposal submission but prior to award.

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### Medicare audit? CMS expands ability to revoke for non-compliant billing

14 February 2022

These broad revisions provide CMS with greater revocation authority.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

31 January 2022

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Recently enacted federal and state laws, federal and state regulatory activities, fresh judicial precedent and more.

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## **New COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave signed into California law**

11 February 2022

The new requirement will take effect on February 19, 2022 and applies retroactively to January 1, 2022.

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## **The long-awaited solar panel tariff decision is here – key points for industry stakeholders**

10 February 2022

A still challenging path.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

3 February 2022

### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Administration seeks to fill key banking regulatory posts.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

3 February 2022

### **[FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

California court postpones effective date of Proposition 12 for pork sales; FDA plans new rule for blockchain-based food tracking; 2022's food trends.

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## **SEC chair signals continuing focus on cybersecurity governance**

1 February 2022

Two key points.

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## **SEC's "shadow trading" theory defeats motion to dismiss insider trading complaint**

1 February 2022

A significant expansion of the potential scope of insider trading enforcement under federal securities laws.

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## **Supreme Court remands excessive fee case to Seventh Circuit to determine pleading standard**

1 February 2022

The *Hughes* case is indicative of many decisions rendered in the lower courts in recent years where courts facing the same or similar excessive fee allegations have reached opposite conclusions.

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### **New York substantially expands employee whistleblower protection**

28 January 2022

Key details and implications for New York employers.

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### **Attorney General Insights podcast with Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller**

27 January 2022

#### **[ATTORNEY GENERAL INSIGHTS PODCAST](#)**

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller.

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### **US Congress tries to decode algorithms**

27 January 2022

#### **[AI OUTLOOK](#)**

Many elected officials (and their staffers) are becoming more familiar with how social media companies operate as a business model.

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### **2021 has a lesson for 2022: Commodities sector, it's time to check your export and sanctions compliance programs**

25 January 2022

Key developments in economic sanctions and export controls are materially increasing companies' compliance risk this year, particularly for the commodities sector.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

25 January 2022

#### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

The first major enforcement action in the blockchain space provides important insights for developers and operators of DeFi markets; IMF calls for global crypto regulation; FTC issues consumer alert on crypto payment scams.

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### **CFTC settles enforcement action against DeFi platform Polymarket**

25 January 2022

The first major enforcement action in the blockchain space provides important insights for developers and operators of DeFi markets.

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## Israel Group News January 2022

24 January 2022

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#### US Department of Homeland Security seeks comments on implementation of Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act

24 January 2022

Considerations for US importers and entities with supply chains that may involve China.

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#### Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

19 January 2022

### CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS

CFPB files complaint against debt buyers for debt-placement practices.

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#### New year, new challenges – Top 10 trends for US employers

19 January 2022

Preparing for the scale and pace of change across an array of fronts.

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#### New York implements new insurance coverage disclosure rules for defendants

18 January 2022

The act requires defendants in civil litigation to disclose extensive information regarding their insurance coverage within 60 days of filing an answer.

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#### New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Sodium nitrite from India and Russia – consequences for industry and downstream consumers

18 January 2022

The petitioner alleges dumping margins ranging from 60.3 percent to 75.1 percent for India and from 187.8 percent to 265.5 percent for Russia.

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#### New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: barium chloride from India – consequences for industry and downstream consumers

18 January 2022

The petitioner alleges a dumping margin of 235.88 percent along with an unspecified total level of subsidies of at least 1 percent.

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## **US Supreme Court stays OSHA vaccine-or-test rule, halting enforcement**

14 January 2022

Employers with 100 or more employees covered by the COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard are no longer required to comply with its terms.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

13 January 2022

### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS**

Disclosure rule on bioengineered food is now in effect; Senate conducts confirmation hearing for top FDA nominee; new plant-based food packaging fights bacteria.

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## **State of Illinois expands lobbyist registration requirements: clients lobbying local government now required to register**

10 January 2022

### **CHICAGO LAND USE NEWS SERIES**

Clients who engage with local officials are required to register under the changes.

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## **New antidumping duty petition: lemon juice from Brazil and South Africa – consequences for industry and downstream consumers**

5 January 2022

The petitioner alleges dumping margins of 555.22 percent for Brazil and 128.61 percent for South Africa.

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## **New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Steel nails from India, Oman, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Turkey – consequences for industry and downstream consumers**

4 January 2022

Key details.

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## **Supporting the health of your health system: 2022**

3 January 2022

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 December 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Breaking legal news on cryptoassets and cryptocurrency, plus: Google sues to disrupt massive botnet

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## Stay of OSHA vaccine-or-test rule dissolved; enforcement to begin on January 10

20 December 2021

Background and key developments.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

17 December 2021

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

USDA developing climate-friendly standards for food and beverages; nonprofits sue FDA to act against phthalates; plus news on Brazilian beef, bioengineered foods, and a beverage tax.

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## NYC issues private employer vaccination mandate, effective December 27

16 December 2021

The mandate applies to all private employer workplaces in New York City with more than one worker if not subject to another government mandate.

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## Apache Log4Shell: “greatest vulnerability seen in years”

14 December 2021

Log4Shell allows arbitrary remote code execution on unpatched servers – essentially giving unfettered access to threat actors.

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## US government to implement multi-pronged export controls and sanctions measures against Cambodia

8 December 2021

The measures will take immediate effect.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

7 December 2021

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Crypto broker rules become law; federal agencies release “policy sprint” on crypto-assets

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## **White House issues first ever Strategy on Countering Corruption: Key highlights**

6 December 2021

Under this comprehensive approach, the US government will organize efforts around five interrelated pillars.

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## **Infrastructure bill, including crypto "broker" rules, becomes law**

22 November 2021

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## **New antidumping duty petition: emulsion styrene-butadiene rubber from the Czech Republic, Italy and Russia – consequences for industry and downstream consumers**

22 November 2021

Key details.

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## **Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends**

19 November 2021

### **CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

CFPB announces \$2.7 million settlement with reverse mortgage lender.

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## **Increased contractor discretion in COVID-19 Executive Order 14042**

8 November 2021

Details of updated guidance and its implications for employers.

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## **OSHA's vaccine-or-test emergency rule approved**

5 November 2021

Key provisions of the emergency temporary standard and actions for covered employers to consider.

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## **Brands and influencers in the spotlight as FTC focuses on civil penalties for deceptive advertising**

4 November 2021

The FTC again sends the message that it is closely monitoring advertising on social media and will act to stop practices it views as deceptive and unfair.

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## **Deputy AG announces changes to DOJ corporate criminal enforcement policy**

4 November 2021

These initiatives may well have significant effects on how companies protect themselves from and during a criminal investigation.

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## **With Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative, government sharpens focus on cybersecurity obligations for government contractors**

1 November 2021

Acting Assistant Attorney General Brian Boynton recently discussed how the Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative would use the False Claims Act to pursue cybersecurity-related fraud.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

1 November 2021

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

NACHA creates a new type of consumer ACH debit authorization.

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## **Takeaways from the new USPS rule prohibiting the mailing of vape products**

29 October 2021

The Final Rule clarified that hemp vape products are included within the definition of ENDS, and are thus nonmailable.

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## **Treasury releases 2021 Sanctions Review: Its key recommendations and their implications for the private sector**

28 October 2021

### **[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)**

The Report puts into perspective recent Biden Administration sanctions while helping to forecast what will come.

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## **Israel Group News October 2021**

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## **A summary: the CFTC position limits compliance deadline of January 2022**

21 October 2021

Changes to the definition of a “bona fide hedging transaction or position.”

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## **Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature take steps to limit employer vaccine mandates**

20 October 2021

Recent developments and implications.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

19 October 2021

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Federal banking regulators issue due diligence guidance on community bank-fintech relationships.

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## Compliance tips for marketing health benefits in alcohol

19 October 2021

As companies craft their marketing strategies around these alcohol products, they may wish to consider the impact of product classification on their claims.

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## Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

19 October 2021

### [CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB announces \$2.7 million settlement with reverse mortgage lender.

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## US and EU pledge to promote “innovative and trustworthy” AI

19 October 2021

### [AI OUTLOOK](#)

Key details and recommendations.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

18 October 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Non-fungible tokens: What are the legal risks?

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## Five issues to watch for at COP26 in Glasgow

12 October 2021

Hopes had already been high for COP26 even before the pandemic paused it. The pent-up potential has only heightened those expectations.

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## New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Oil country tubular goods from Argentina, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, and Russia – consequences for industry and downstream consumers

8 October 2021

US AD and CVD investigations can result in the imposition of substantial duties in addition to already applicable duties and tariffs.

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## The HERO Act: important updates for New York employers

6 October 2021

Key details.

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## Biden Administration works to expand US offshore wind market

28 September 2021

The federal government moves forward assertively with an expanded leasing program aiming to double offshore wind production by 2030. Meanwhile, some states are acting too.

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## House tax proposal: significant statutory changes include raising corporate rate, overhauling international taxation system

21 September 2021

While the Senate is likely to cut back on some of the proposals, tax increases for business and individuals are expected to be enacted by Thanksgiving.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

17 September 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Proposed infrastructure bill would subject cryptocurrencies to wash sale and constructive sale rules.

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## Commodities News and Trends

20 September 2021

### [COMMODITIES NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Brazil and Argentina lead the way in biofuels; CFTC: we will support transition to a low-carbon economy; is the end in sight for the shale-driven pipeline building boom?

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## Cybersecurity obligations for government contractors – focus on them before the government focuses on you

22 September 2021

Liability under the False Claims Act can be financially debilitating, particularly for small and mid-size contractors.

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## Proposed infrastructure bill would subject cryptocurrencies to wash sale and constructive sale rules

17 September 2021

The move comes as part of the Ways and Means Committee's attempt to raise revenue to finance infrastructure spending.

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## **Split Seventh Circuit lowers the bar for pleading a False Claims Act violation**

14 September 2021

Defendants are again at risk for False Claims Act liability for what appear to be mere breaches of contract or technical regulatory violations.

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## **By any standard? Meeting sustainability commitments through credible carbon markets**

13 September 2021

Operating in today's evolving voluntary carbon trading ecosystem.

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## **Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends**

13 September 2021

### **CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

OCC and DOJ announce US\$3 million penalty against bank for FHA violations.

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## **Senators Wyden, Brown and Warner release draft legislative language on international tax proposals**

7 September 2021

This is the first round of draft international tax proposals currently being considered by Congress and the Biden Administration.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

7 September 2021

### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

CFPB to study electronic disclosures on mobile devices.

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## **Seventh Circuit adopts objective reasonableness standard for False Claims Act liability**

1 September 2021

Key details and takeaways.

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## **[UPDATED] Coronavirus: Federal and state governments work quickly to enable remote online notarization to meet global crisis**

25 August 2021

Federal and state governments are moving quickly to enable fully electronic processes to keep businesses operating.

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## **Top 10 trends for US employers – Mid-year update**

24 August 2021

We recap key developments over the last six months and look at the potential changes ahead related to the top 2021 trends we

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identified at the start of the year.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 August 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

New information reporting requirements for cryptocurrency transactions; CFPB involvement in cryptocurrency oversight; NCUA seeks comments on use of DLT and DeFi by credit unions.

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## Infrastructure bill passed by the Senate would impose new information reporting requirements on cryptocurrency transactions

23 August 2021

If enacted, the bill would provide for significant investments in roads, bridges, ports, airports, electric grids, water systems and broadband.

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## Israel Group News August 2021

16 August 2021

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## Remote notarization is here to stay

4 August 2021

Key developments.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

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Remote notarization is here to stay.

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## Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

3 August 2021

### [CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB announces \$150,000 settlement with debt-relief companies for deceptive acts or practices.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

23 July 2021

## **BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

Executive order on promoting competition includes banking and consumer finance provisions.

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

23 July 2021

## **FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS**

FDA reassures public on the safety of PFAS in the food supply; trial of former Blue Bell CEO is postponed.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

19 July 2021

## **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

IRS says tax-deferred like-kind exchange is not available for cryptocurrency trades; copyright issues plague NFTs; crypto venture investments continue to accelerate.

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

9 July 2021

## **FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS**

FDA sets 2022 deadlines for sodium reduction goals and milk alternative labeling; restaurant grant program officially closes.

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### **SCOTUS upholds the ACA: Next steps for employers**

8 July 2021

All ACA provisions regarding the employer mandate for large employers continue in effect; in addition, ACA patient protection provisions have been expanded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

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### **Ransomware preparedness: NYDFS announces additional expectations of regulated entities' cybersecurity programs**

7 July 2021

As regulatees address their vulnerabilities to ransomware, NYDFS raises its expectations.

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### **With Illinois's adoption of UETA, United States near full adoption**

2 July 2021

The US has reached near-complete state-by-state adoption of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

2 July 2021

### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

With Illinois's adoption of UETA, the US is near full adoption.

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## **When will Washington regulate artificial intelligence?**

June 2021

Seeking to ensure a leading global role for the US in AI development and implementation is a prime motivator for American policymakers.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

28 June 2021

### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS**

FDA leader points to major changes in nation's food system; in many places, cocktails to go are going on.

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## **Interagency Initiative spotlights fair lending compliance in home appraisals**

28 June 2021

Increased scrutiny of lenders' appraisal compliance practices is likely.

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## **New York State lifts COVID-19 requirements for office-based workplaces**

25 June 2021

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions in New York State could be lifted across various industries, including businesses that operate in office spaces.

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## ***United States v. Arthrex*: Where does the Supreme Court's decision leave the PTAB?**

23 June 2021

If the APJs' appointment is unconstitutional, what is the appropriate remedy?

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## **FCC proposes ban on electronic products and devices made by Huawei and other Chinese companies**

23 June 2021

Key details.

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## **Biden Administration tax compliance plan targets cryptocurrency assets**

21 June 2021

The plan would give the IRS greater authority and resources to collect information on Americans' financial assets and transactions, including cryptocurrency transactions.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

21 June 2021

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

Biden tax plan spotlights cryptocurrency transactions; FTC announces spike in cryptocurrency investment scams; El Salvador is first country to adopt bitcoin as legal tender.

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## **Key amendments to California's COVID-19 workplace standards imposed on employers**

21 June 2021

Governor Newsom's Executive Order means the updated standards immediately entered into effect.

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## **With the goal of countering China's tech ascendancy, the US Senate approves the US Innovation and Competition Act**

16 June 2021

### **AI OUTLOOK**

The comprehensive technology policy and funding legislation strives to fund incentives for semiconductor chips production, along with aggressive diplomatic, national security and trade measures to ensure American leadership.

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## **EEOC updates guidance regarding employer COVID-19 vaccination policies; still more to come**

15 June 2021

The updated guidance addresses mandatory vaccination policies, vaccination incentive programs and confidentiality requirements.

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## **A long hot summer: Five steps for energy commodities traders in a time of heightened scrutiny**

14 June 2021

Rising temperatures may exacerbate current market volatility, which in turn may lead to heightened regulatory scrutiny.

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## **Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends**

14 June 2021

### **CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

OCC releases Community Reinvestment Act evaluations.

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## **Whatever your sector, ransomware attacks are changing how to think about platform security risk: Action steps**

14 June 2021

In an increasingly digitized economy, creating awareness of platform security risks is critical.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

11 June 2021

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Supreme Court declines to act on vaping regulations, FDA proposes "common sense reform" for dietary supplements industry, USDA and CDC investigate Salmonella linked to chicken parts.

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## Biden Administration "Green Book" tax proposals would affect private investment funds if enacted

9 June 2021

The Green Book incorporates changes from the American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan.

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## President Biden's Anti-Corruption Memo – key highlights

8 June 2021

The memo directs government agencies, through an inter-agency review process, to develop an anti-corruption strategy in the next 200 days.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

4 June 2021

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

A Texas Supreme Court decision reaffirms a long line of cases enforcing electronic signatures where a secure, reliable system, in compliance with UETA and the federal E-SIGN Act, is used.

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## Commodities News and Trends

3 June 2021

### [COMMODITIES NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Fossil fuel industry and ESG; energy aspects of Biden infrastructure plan; floating storage can rule the seas or give you a sea of trouble.

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## Biden's FY 2022 budget and Treasury Green Book – additional details on international tax proposals

2 June 2021

Fleshing out revenue proposals in the White House's American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan.

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## Guidance on COBRA subsidies under the American Rescue Plan Act

1 June 2021

Key aspects of the guidance.

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## California employers confront varying health and safety guidance even as restrictions ease

27 May 2021

COVID-19 restrictions may be lifted as soon as June 15, 2021.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

26 May 2021

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

FDA discloses post-pandemic plans for routine facility inspections, Alabama eases alcohol delivery rules, WHO issues new sodium standards.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

20 May 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

SEC issues Staff Statement on investments in the bitcoin futures market, plus latest legal developments governing the use and acceptance of blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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## New York employers set to reopen must comply with expansive new worker safety standards

20 May 2021

Key details and guidance.

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## SEC issues Staff Statement on investments in the bitcoin futures market

20 May 2021

The Statement signals that the SEC will continue to proceed cautiously in approving any proposed bitcoin ETFs and that funds and advisers should expect increased scrutiny.

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## NHTSA moves to repeal regulatory preemption of state auto emissions regulation, advancing Biden plans to dramatically reduce US greenhouse gas emissions

19 May 2021

The move is a substantial step away from Trump Administration policies on GHG emissions.

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## What does the cybersecurity executive order mean for federal government contractors and their supply chains?

19 May 2021

Key sections of the EO that are likely to impact federal contractors and the practical effects of those requirements.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

13 May 2021

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Senate votes to repeal OCC's "true lender" rule, House expected to follow suit.

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## President Biden issues broad-ranging Executive Order on cybersecurity

13 May 2021

The EO sets forth new requirements for federal agencies and government service providers.

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## Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

12 May 2021

### [CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB delays mandatory compliance date for General Qualified Mortgage Final Rule.

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## The Russia sanctions and their impacts on commodities companies: Action steps for companies engaged in transactions with Russian gas and energy companies

11 May 2021

Implications of key provisions in President Biden's Executive Order.

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## Fed announces proposed changes to debit card standards under the Durbin Amendment for e-commerce transactions

10 May 2021

The change will give merchants more choices for routing transactions.

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## EPA moves to phase out powerful GHG refrigerants under bipartisan mandate

7 May 2021

EPA estimates the HFC phasedown will yield cumulative climate-related economic benefits of \$283.9 billion from 2022 through 2050.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

7 May 2021

Federal court upholds FDA ruling on heme; bipartisan lawmakers introduce Truth in Buffalo Labeling Act; key senator calls for White House conference on hunger and nutrition.

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### **LIBOR transition updates: New York passes key USD LIBOR transition legislation**

7 May 2021

The New York LIBOR Bill will ease the LIBOR transition by creating statutory remedies for so called "tough legacy" contracts.

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### **New York eviction and foreclosure moratoria update**

7 May 2021

The extension further extends the moratorium on foreclosures and evictions against qualifying New York commercial tenants and borrowers.

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### **FTC's \$9.8 million settlement holds firm and its principals liable for "consumer protection" violations in transactions with small businesses**

6 May 2021

The settlement is notable for two reasons.

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### **Federal Reserve Board of Governors proposes guidelines allowing special purpose bank charters access to payment services at the Federal Reserve banks**

6 May 2021

It is encouraging to note that the Federal Reserve Board is actively positioning itself to allow increased access for non-traditional banking institutions.

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### **Expanding the scope of deception? Key questions and takeaways from the CFPB's recent settlements with SettleIt and Nationwide Equities Corporation**

5 May 2021

The settlements shine a light on the Bureau's potential strategy for enforcing the Dodd-Frank prohibition against deception.

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### **New minimum wage requirements for federal contractors: Key takeaways**

4 May 2021

The EO requires that all employees working "on or in connection with" a federal government contract be paid a minimum of \$15 per hour.

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### **Israel Group News May 2021**

1 May 2021

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

30 April 2021

### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

In a key ruling on the TCPA, the Supreme Court narrows the definition of ATDS.

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## **SEC focus on SPACs: Key takeaways from recent SEC statements and enforcement activity**

28 April 2021

The SEC's attention to SPACs is not surprising given the explosion in SPAC IPOs in 2020 and the first quarter of 2021.

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## **Democrats reintroduce Climate Risk Disclosure Act**

27 April 2021

The bill aims to help companies and investors assess their exposure to climate-change risk and to push companies to address their contributions to climate change.

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## **Returning to Work: Key Issues for US Employers**

27 April 2021

Key issues include what a full return to the workplace will look like, who will return and how, what structural measures will protect the health and safety of employees, and more.

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## **FDA warning letters: More warnings and closer scrutiny of COVID-19 and vaping products**

26 April 2021

A large percentage of warning letters concern adulterated, unapproved or misbranded products related to COVID-19, and e-cigarette companies continue to be in the agency's crosshairs for selling unapproved products.

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## **New antidumping duty petition: Raw honey from Argentina, Brazil, India, Ukraine and Vietnam – consequences for exporters and US importers**

26 April 2021

Key details and considerations.

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## **FERC issues policy statement regarding state-determined carbon pricing in wholesale electricity markets**

22 April 2021

The policy statement allows FERC to avoid the restriction imposed by the *EPSA* decision, which reserves certain matters under FPA section 201(b) exclusively for the states.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

22 April 2021

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

USDA extends universal free school lunch program; FDA updates leafy-greens action plan; should gluten be disclosed in drugs?

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## US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia

16 April 2021

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

9 April 2021

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Bill aims to change regulatory and tax treatment of kombucha, plus what are "processed" foods anyway?

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## New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Walk-behind snow throwers and parts from China – consequences for exporters and US importers

7 April 2021

The petition alleges that certain walk-behind snow throwers and parts from China are being sold in the US at less than fair value.

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## Latest regulatory changes reduce burden for software and technology companies under US export controls

6 April 2021

Revisions to the US Export Administration Regulations implement changes to Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies.

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## Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

5 April 2021

### [CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB issues warning to mortgage servicers.

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## New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Organic soybean meal from India – consequences for exporters and US importers

5 April 2021

Foreign producers, exporters and importers should have a strategy for addressing AD and CVD investigations, including possible participation.

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### **Out with the new, in with the old: FCPA enforcement under the Biden Administration**

5 April 2021

2020 not only saw record-shattering Foreign Corrupt Practices Act fines and settlements, but multiple revisions to the Department of Justice's guidance.

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### **Understanding securities enforcement**

7 April 2021

**Addressing the basics that matter in the course of a securities investigation.**

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

2 April 2021

#### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Continuing the digital transformation into 2021.

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### **Criminal conviction records and diversity and pay reporting: What Illinois employers need to know about Senate Bill 1480**

1 April 2021

Employers are encouraged to review their background check policies, practices and forms and to prepare for greater transparency of diversity and pay equity data.

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### **Top employee benefits issues to watch**

31 March 2021

The top 10 issues likely to impact plan sponsors in 2021 and beyond.

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### **Representing individuals in interviews – the US perspective**

30 March 2021

Determining whether to consent to an interview, and any interview itself, can be pivotal.

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

26 March 2021

#### **[FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Consumer groups ask FDA to act against hard seltzers; Berkeley passes healthy checkout-aisle ordinance; plus: wear a mask, get a sandwich.

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### **CFTC's new Climate Risk Unit: Another tool in the Biden Administration's "whole of government" campaign against climate change**

23 March 2021

With this move, the US joins governments across the globe in recognizing the vital role derivatives markets will play in developing new solutions to address climate and sustainability challenges.

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### **United States imposes significant new export controls and sanctions on Russia and China**

23 March 2021

Reflecting a further hardening of US foreign policy and national security policy positions with those two countries.

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### **Technology, artificial intelligence in focus for the Biden Administration and the 117th Congress**

18 March 2021

#### **AI OUTLOOK**

Washington sees maintaining and extending US leadership in technological innovation as a vital national security imperative.

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### **Benefit plan provisions in the American Rescue Plan**

16 March 2021

The practical impact on employers and participants.

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### **New York codifies protections for commercial tenants and mortgagors**

15 March 2021

A summary of the significant elements of the new law, questions raised and potential implications.

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

12 March 2021

#### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS**

Biden restaurant grants called a lifeline for the industry; plus sugary cereal, cell-cultured seafood and sesame in the news.

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### **Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends**

11 March 2021

## CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS

CFPB finalizes rule exempting certain financial institutions from higher-priced mortgage loan escrow account requirement.

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### CFTC final position rule limits enter into effect March 15

10 March 2021

The Final Rules aim to "prevent excessive speculation" and thus implement one of the remaining key provisions of Dodd-Frank.

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### Commodities News and Trends

10 March 2021

#### COMMODITIES NEWS AND TRENDS

Oil and gas companies commit to transparency on methane emissions reporting; CFTC adopts final position rule limits; consequences of volatile markets.

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### Reform to the Electric Industry Law: a new risk for energy projects in Mexico

10 March 2021

Foreign investors involved in energy projects in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable investment treaties.

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### Bank Regulatory News and Trends

3 March 2021

#### BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS

OCC halts publication of proposed fair access rule.

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### Food and Beverage News and Trends

1 March 2021

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

Winter storm devastates Texas agriculture.

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### Legislators and regulators continue to support digital transformation

26 February 2021

Endorsing the movement towards digital transformation.

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### eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

26 February 2021

#### ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

How legislatures and regulators endorse the movement towards digital transformation.

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### Climate change disclosures – under SEC scrutiny

25 February 2021

This new directive does not come as a surprise.

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### Attorney General Insights podcast with Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro

24 February 2021

#### [ATTORNEY GENERAL INSIGHTS PODCAST](#)

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro.

DLA Piper · Attorney General Insights: Tim Fox

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### Expectations for white collar enforcement under the Biden Administration

18 February 2021

Six key areas where the Biden Administration may focus its enforcement efforts.

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### The Biden Administration's impact on oil and gas

18 February 2021

These actions will add an additional layer of regulations for oil and gas operations.

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### Court of Appeals affirms broad government authority to conduct warrantless searches of electronic devices at the border

16 February 2021

The court's opinion offers a reminder that personal privacy is at significant risk when traveling abroad or returning home.

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### Food and Beverage News and Trends

12 February 2021

#### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

COVID-19 relief package includes restaurant grants; plus: tuna or not? Icelandic or not?

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### CFPB Taskforce on Federal Consumer Financial Law proposes changes to ESIGN

5 February 2021

The CFPB looks at the consumer consent requirements triggered when information must be provided or made available to a consumer "in writing."

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

5 February 2021

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The CFPB looks at "in writing" consumer consent requirements; plus reports on new federal and state laws and regulatory activities and fresh judicial precedent.

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## Year in review and 2021 preview – Top 10 trends for US employers

2 February 2021

We identify the top 10 trends impacting US businesses as we close out 2020 and enter 2021.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

28 January 2021

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Hahn steps down; USDA to oversee safety of gene-edited animals; plus vanilla, honey, poppy seeds.

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## China's Blocking Rules: New trade-compliance dilemmas for third-country companies

25 January 2021

The Blocking Rules respond to the increased use of "secondary" economic sanctions and export controls by the US.

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## Consequences of producing non-compliant hemp

25 January 2021

Hemp producers may face different consequences for producing non-compliant hemp, depending on the jurisdiction where the hemp producer is licensed.

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## Corporate transaction invalidates small business award

25 January 2021

Under the COFC's interpretation, an offeror was required to recertify its size status *during* a procurement, and the agency's failure to enforce this requirement invalidated the award.

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## The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021: Temporary amendments to the Bankruptcy Code

25 January 2021

An outline of key amendments.

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## Biden Administration's ambitious climate agenda starts now

22 January 2021

President Biden has kicked off his whole-of-government approach to address climate change.

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### **Insight into the OCC's perspective on stablecoins and decentralized finance**

22 January 2021

These letters give the green light for federally chartered banks to explore blockchain infrastructure projects.

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### **OCCs Interpretive Letter on banks authority to participate in INVNs and use stablecoins for payment activities**

22 January 2021

The letter grants permission to banks to participate INVNs as nodes and to use stablecoins to facilitate payment activities and other bank-permissible functions.

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### **Office of the Comptroller of the Currency pauses Fair Access to Financial Services Rule**

22 January 2021

Key details and implications.

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### **Consumer finance regulatory and litigation landscape for 2021**

21 January 2021

In 2021, the sector may have to reckon with troubled assets while operating in a business environment that may never return to many pre-pandemic practices.

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### **Israel Group News January 2021**

19 January 2021

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

15 January 2021

#### **[FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

New Dietary Guidelines for Americans remain much the same; USDA seeks produce industry input on new food safety survey.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

12 January 2021

#### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

AML overhaul becomes law.

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## Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends

12 January 2021

### [CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB's Taskforce on Federal Consumer Financial Law publishes report and recommendations.

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## The new Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020: A potential game-changer for enforcement and compliance

11 January 2021

The passage of the AMLA signals the start of a new era in money laundering enforcement in the US.

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## No Surprises Act creates new model for commercial payors and providers

7 January 2021

The act contains consumer protection and transparency requirements that may fundamentally change health payor and provider operations.

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## Congress expands SEC enforcement authority, broadens disgorgement powers and doubles statute of limitations periods

6 January 2021

Buried deep in the annual defense bill is an important group of securities law amendments that strengthen the SEC's enforcement powers.

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## Supporting the health of your health system

4 January 2021

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 December 2020

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB finalizes additional requirements regarding debt collection – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## Senate approves bill eliminating antitrust exemption for health insurers

29 December 2020

New antitrust compliance challenges for the health insurance industry.

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## COVID-19 Phase 4 limited legislative relief, tax extenders, and what else to expect in the near term

28 December 2020

The 2020 year-end "omnibus" package contains a number of tax provisions designed to help employers deal with the impact of the pandemic on their business operations, including their workforce, largely consisting of enhancements and adjustments to CARES Act provisions.

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### **The EEOC breaks its silence on the COVID-19 vaccine**

22 December 2020

Some of the most important questions answered by the EEOC's guidance.

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### **The new economic aid to hard-hit small businesses, nonprofits, and venues...what is in it for businesses?**

22 December 2020

From US\$284 billion in PPP loans to tax deductions and tax credits for sick leave; stimulus funds will help make the winter not so chilly for many businesses.

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### **Who's responsible for content posted on the Internet? Section 230, explained**

22 December 2020

What the law does, what people are saying it should do, and what might happen next.

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### **Landmark artificial intelligence legislation advances toward becoming law**

16 December 2020

#### **[AI OUTLOOK](#)**

An overview of the key AI initiatives and funding set out in the defense bill.

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### **Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends**

15 December 2020

#### **[CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

The OCC has issued a final rule that determines when a national bank or federal savings association makes a loan and is the "true lender," including in the context of a partnership between a bank and a third party.

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### **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

15 December 2020

#### **[FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Industry urges vaccine prioritization for food workers; FDA will publicize outbreak investigations weekly; sesame, salmon, soymilk.

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### **Silver linings for FCA defendants in new HHS Working Group**

11 December 2020

The US Department of Health and Human Services is launching the Working Group to better protect taxpayer funds and deter "would-be fraudsters."

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## **US DOT issues groundbreaking proposals for regulation of automated driving systems, seeks input**

11 December 2020

The rulemaking initiates an important new chapter in autonomous vehicle development and commercialization in the US.

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## **SEC 2021 and beyond: What to expect**

7 December 2020

Some likely areas of SEC focus, from both the regulatory and enforcement perspectives, in 2021 and beyond.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

3 December 2020

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

CFPB finalizes debt collection rules, addressing use of electronic communications; court finds no private right of action under ESIGN; plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## **CFPB says certain earned wage advance programs are not "debt" for purposes of TILA**

2 December 2020

Key guidance.

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## **FCC agenda meeting to evaluate items of interest for manufacturers and operators of radiofrequency equipment**

1 December 2020

Key details of agenda items.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

25 November 2020

### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Treasury asks Fed to return unused emergency lending funds; Fed reluctantly agrees.

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## **HHS-OIG issues alert warning pharmaceutical and device manufacturers about the kickback risks of speaker programs**

24 November 2020

Key details and takeaways.

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## **SEC invites feedback on application of Custody Rule to digital assets**

23 November 2020

Specifically, Staff is asking whether non-depository firms such as state-chartered trust companies can act as qualified custodians for digital assets.

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## **CARES Act update: US Treasury Department issues guidance allowing buyers to claim employee retention tax credits if target company had a PPP loan**

18 November 2020

The guidance removes some of the potential loss of the ERC in merger transactions involving entities that received PPP loans.

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## **Consumer Finance Regulatory News and Trends**

18 November 2020

### **[CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

CFPB issues rule implementing the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

16 November 2020

### **[FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

FDA ordered to study risks of GM salmon, health experts urge strict limit on alcohol consumption, plus "lite," listeria, labels.

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## **New York Department of Financial Services calls on financial institutions to consider climate change risk**

9 November 2020

Investors increasingly view climate as an area of business risk, and regulators are viewing it as a supervisory risk as well.

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## **The US Hemp Production Handbook**

4 November 2020

A concise, high-level overview for businesses that are currently or are considering operating in this growing market.

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## **CFTC issues staff guidance on recognition of self-reporting, cooperation and remediation**

3 November 2020

The recent guidance provides another benchmark that companies may use to demonstrate the strength and effectiveness of their internal policies to the public.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

2 November 2020

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Electronic signature hygiene – does your electronic signature process allow you to enforce a disputed signature? Plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

29 October 2020

### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Financial agencies won't endorse specific LIBOR alternative.

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## **Replacing NAFTA: What the USMCA means for the future of North American trade and investment – a Q&A**

26 October 2020

Contributors from the US, Mexico and Canada discuss several key considerations.

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## **USMCA investor-state dispute settlement provisions: Key differences for Mexico**

26 October 2020

For ISDS claims, only after the local litigation requirement is fulfilled or 30 months have elapsed may certain substantive claims be brought against a state.

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## **Food and Beverage News and Trends**

23 October 2020

### **[FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

USDA sued over bioengineered-food rules; as jurisdictions address the pandemic, some developments for restaurants and bars; plus plant-based burgers, cell-based meat, “natural” applesauce.

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## **Release of Hong Kong Autonomy Act report paves way for sanctions against foreign financial institutions**

19 October 2020

The report was required under the Hong Kong Autonomy Act.

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## **Divided SEC proposes conditional registration exemption for finders assisting with private capital raising**

13 October 2020

The Proposal would permit natural persons to engage in certain activities related to private offerings of securities without registering with the SEC as brokers.

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## Rules of Origin - what you need to know

9 October 2020

### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

With less than two months before the end of the Brexit Transition Period, importers and exporters of goods between the UK and both the EU, and the rest of the world, are preparing for the impact of significant changes to UK and EU trading arrangements upon their businesses and operations. Recent articles in the DLA Piper Trade Truths series have examined the realities of trading on so-called 'World Trade Organisation (WTO) terms', should there be no deal at the end of the Transition Period, including the impact on customs procedures and tariffs on goods, together with the UK's post-Brexit trading landscape.

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## New SBA change-in-ownership procedures under Paycheck Protection Program

8 October 2020

One of the uncertainties causing difficulty in administering change-in-ownership requests to date has been ascertaining what sort of transactions require SBA consent.

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## Israel Group News October 2020

7 October 2020

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## New Executive Order "Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping" – what federal contractors need to know

7 October 2020

The EO prohibits federal contractors, subcontractors and certain grant recipients from using "any workplace training that inculcates in its employees any form of race or sex stereotyping or any form of race or sex scapegoating."

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## Into the unknown: DoD's long-awaited cybersecurity rule leaves critical questions unanswered

5 October 2020

The rule leaves open a number of critical questions.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

2 October 2020

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

FinCEN to require minimum AML standards for banks lacking federal functional regulator.

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## New York Department of Financial Services issues circular on climate change and financial risks

1 October 2020

The NYDFS expects insurers to start integrating the consideration of financial risks from climate change into their governance

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framework, risk management processes and business strategies.

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### **Shareholder Proposal Rule modernized – now what?**

1 October 2020

A brief background of the Shareholder Proposal Rule, plus some action items for boards to consider as companies head into the 2021 proxy season.

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### **Cybersecurity: past is prologue**

29 MAR 2016

During 2016, we will likely see another increase in cyberattacks, and we will see cybersecurity being taken more seriously by its potential victims.

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### **Opportunity for temporary duty suspension or reduction - submit petitions for Miscellaneous Tariff Bills to ITC by 12/12/16**

1 NOV 2016

Interim rules governing the petition process and a web portal – the MTB Petition System – to facilitate submission of duty suspension requests.

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### **Is it a new day for Jones Act enforcement? Maybe. A practical look at coastwise concerns**

9 AUG 2016

The decision underscores the significance of each party's right to participate in the arbitration process and arguably expands the scope of existing arbitration jurisprudence.

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### **Employers beware: New York City's new "ban-the-box" law takes effect this October**

16 SEP 2015

The FCA joins the existing body of New York law regulating and restricting the use of criminal background checks.

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### **CFTC approves final cross-border guidance of the swap provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act**

12 JUL 2013

The Final Guidance aims to set forth the CFTC's policy on the application of the swap provisions of the Commodities Exchange Act to cross-border activities

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## Events

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### 8th National Conference on CFIUS

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## NEWS

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### DLA Piper's Steven Phillips and Tony Samp named to *The Hill's* 2021 Top Lobbyists list

3 December 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Steven Phillips and Tony Samp have been named to *The Hill's* 2021 Top Lobbyists list recognizing those who "stand out for delivering results for their clients in the halls of Congress and the administration."

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