



## 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

### KEY CONTACTS

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- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- 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

#### 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.

DLA Piper · Attorney General Insights: 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

### **ISRAEL GROUP NEWS**

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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

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**

25 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 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**

4 August 2021

## ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

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 Settlet 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

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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

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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

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 INVN and use stablecoins for payment activities**

22 January 2021

The letter grants permission to banks to participate INVN 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**

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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 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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## Beyond the EU-UK Negotiations: Planning for trade with the rest of the world after Brexit

30 September 2020

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

Whilst clients are rightly focused on the current status of negotiations between the UK and EU, some 12 weeks before the end of the Transition Period, it is easy to lose sight of the impact of Brexit on the UK's trading relationship with the rest of the world and the commercial consequences of this for businesses.

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## New CFIUS regulations change mandatory filing requirements and increase the importance of US export controls

30 September 2020

The new rule modifies the criteria that trigger a mandatory filing with CFIUS, potentially subjecting more transactions to mandatory CFIUS review.

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## Regulator strategies for encouraging innovation may be more relevant as firms move to digital offerings

30 September 2020

Seeking to promote innovation by giving financial firms more opportunities and compliance flexibility to try new technologies, practices and methods.

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## Supreme Court Corner

30 September 2020

A quick look at two cases - *USPTO v. Booking.com* and *American Axle & Manufacturing v. Neapco Holdings*.

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

30 September 2020

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

CFPB seeks to promote innovation by giving financial firms more opportunities and compliance flexibility to try new technologies, practices and methods – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## **FinCEN issues final rule requiring AML program for banks lacking a federal functional regulator**

21 September 2020

The final rule requires minimum standards for anti-money laundering programs to ensure that all banks are required to establish and implement anti-money laundering programs.

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

17 September 2020

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

First-ever consent decree under FSMA, plus new egg rules, new grape variety names, carrot cake without carrots, smoked almonds without smoking.

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## **It is time for broad review and appropriate revisions to the US auto safety regulation system**

10 September 2020

A review could identify regulatory changes to facilitate the safe introduction and adoption of transformative new motor vehicle equipment, systems and technologies.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

9 September 2020

### **BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

FDIC finds bank profits down 70 percent in second quarter; liquidity and capital levels stay strong.

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## **Department of Labor Opinion Letter spells death knell for driver reimbursement claims under the FLSA**

9 September 2020

The Opinion Letter provides substantial latitude to employers when reimbursing employees who use their personal vehicles in connection with their jobs.

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## **PREP Act immunity: federal courts weigh in**

4 September 2020

The decisions suggest PREP Act immunity may apply broadly to manufacturers but may be more limited for hospitals, nursing homes,

healthcare providers and others.

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### **SBA creates administrative process for appealing PPP loan decisions**

2 September 2020

Under the process, a borrower may challenge written decisions by the SBA regarding ineligibility and loan forgiveness.

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### **Proposed changes to US Department of Commerce antidumping and countervailing duty regulations: Consequences for exporters and US importers**

31 August 2020

The proposed changes are likely to increase the risk of importers being exposed to unexpected additional duties; foreign producers and exporters could be forced to reduce or cease shipping to the US due to AD and/or CVD duties.

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

27 August 2020

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

USDA to hold virtual meeting on Salmonella contamination, egg producer charged with price gouging in the pandemic, plus vegan butter, fish, jams, and the onion recall expands again.

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### **Georgia shields businesses and other entities from COVID-19 liability claims and lawsuits**

25 August 2020

The act protects businesses and other entities from certain liability claims and lawsuits related to the transmission of COVID-19 allegedly occurring on their premises.

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### **Federal agencies provide guidance on Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering enforcement**

24 August 2020

Key details of the statement.

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### **New national security regulations subject more insurance sector transactions to CFIUS review**

20 August 2020

Transactions in the insurance sector are squarely in the CFIUS crosshairs.

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### **US moves forward on enhanced securities regulations focusing on Chinese companies**

17 August 2020

Latest developments in US efforts to address the financial risks posed by emerging market companies.

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## National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence releases Second Quarterly Report

12 August 2020

### [AI OUTLOOK](#)

The report includes recommendations to update export controls, screen foreign investment, accelerate research and establish a National Reserve Digital Corps.

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## Highlights from the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposal for CY 2021: Remote physiologic monitoring clarity, telehealth expansion, drug and vaccine pricing and more

10 August 2020

CMS is proposing that certain policy changes implemented on a temporary basis during the present public health emergency be carried forward permanently.

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## For the healthcare industry, seeking to incentivize restocking of elective surgery supplies may lead to civil and criminal risk

6 August 2020

Discounts and incentives may have unforeseen consequences under certain federal anti-bribery laws.

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## The US-Mexico-Canada Agreement: A summary of changes in Mexico's laws

6 August 2020

Mexico makes sweeping changes to an array of laws.

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## New Executive Order forecasts permanent telehealth funding changes

5 August 2020

The Order implies a possible mechanism for making telehealth changes in spite of statutory confines and signals to Congress to take further action to permanently expand telehealth access in the Medicare program.

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## Attorney General Insights podcast with Attorney General Tim Fox of Montana

4 August 2020

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

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Montana Attorney General Tim Fox.

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## SEC proposes updating Form 13F requirements

30 July 2020

Seeking to raise the reporting threshold from \$100 million to \$3.5 billion to reflect changes in the size and structure of the US equities market.

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### **COVID-19 and the 2020 US elections**

27 July 2020

COVID-19 has exposed weaknesses in the US healthcare system, education system and economy. The same is true, unfortunately, for US electoral systems and procedures, and the biggest test is still to come.

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### **HHS extends COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, preserving major Medicare changes (for now)**

27 July 2020

The PHE declaration is an important prerequisite for certain major emergency measures the government has deployed to help address the pandemic.

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### **Nonprofit organizations may now benefit from the Main Street Lending Program: key takeaways**

23 July 2020

The Federal Reserve moves to provide loans to nonprofit organizations.

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### **Momentum builds for permanent expansions in federal telehealth policy**

21 July 2020

Recent legislative proposals and administrative initiatives suggest that the federal government may be moving to make permanent certain emergency fixes to the telehealth regulatory landscape.

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### ***Voir dire* in the time of COVID-19**

16 July 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic will only further increase limitations on *voir dire* that may prove detrimental to parties' ability to vet jurors.

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### **EU's highest court invalidates the EU-US Privacy Shield; European Standard Contractual Clauses remain valid, but subject to conditions**

16 July 2020

The CJEU declared invalid the EU-US Privacy Shield framework for the transfer of personal data from the EU to the US.

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### **New antidumping and countervailing duty petitions filed against imports of seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line and pressure pipe from the Czech Republic, the Republic of Korea, Russia and Ukraine: Consequences for exporters and US importers**

16 July 2020

Duties can be imposed if the DOC determines that imported goods are dumped and/or subsidized and if the ITC also determines that the domestic industry is materially injured or threatened with such injury by reason of subject imports.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

15 July 2020

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

Supreme Court rules president can fire CFPB director – but keeps agency intact.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

10 July 2020

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

Illinois warns bars and restaurants about social distancing, Colorado mandates cage-free hen housing.

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## **New antidumping and countervailing duty petitions filed against imports of standard steel wire mesh from Mexico: Consequences for exporters and US importers**

7 July 2020

Duties can be imposed if the DOC determines that imported goods are dumped and/or subsidized and if the ITC also determines that the domestic industry is materially injured or threatened with such injury by reason of subject imports.

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## **Supreme Court finds the restriction on removal of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's single director unconstitutional, but leaves the bureau operational**

7 July 2020

The decision also throws into question the investigative and enforcement actions of the CFPB to date.

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## **The legal challenges facing the vaping industry in the EU/UK and the US: An overview and a look ahead**

7 July 2020

Notes as the industry matures.

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## **All quiet on the merger front...right? US antitrust agencies issue joint 2020 Vertical Merger Guidelines**



6 July 2020

The Guidelines focus heavily on two primary concerns – foreclosure or raising rivals' costs and access to competitively sensitive information.

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### **CMS proposed rule aims to encourage value based purchasing for drugs, now open for comment**

6 July 2020

The rule is intended to spur the development of contractual arrangements between insurers and biopharma companies that rely on the observed value from medicines in exchange for payment.

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### **Bank partnership updates: FDIC finalizes "valid when made" rule; Colorado court says privilege of interest-rate exportation does not apply to third-party assignees; OCC to propose "true lender" rule**

2 July 2020

Updates about three recent events related to the bank partnership model.

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### **Clinical trials during the COVID-19 pandemic: A global guide**

2 July 2020

The consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to develop dynamically. Some countries are beginning to ease lockdown measures, whilst other retain or even impose new restrictions. The situation continues to impact the ability to conduct clinical trials on a global scale. Pharmaceutical companies need to address even more challenges to ensure the continuity of trials on human medicines.

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### **FINRA updates its COVID-19 FAQs**

2 July 2020

FINRA's latest updates extend several impending deadlines.

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### **NLRB overturns pre-discipline bargaining obligation**

2 July 2020

Key details and takeaways for employers.

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### **New countervailing duty petitions filed against phosphate fertilizer imports from Morocco and Russia: Consequences for exporters and US importers**

1 July 2020

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

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### **Are you ready for the USMCA? Customs-related takeaways on key changes from NAFTA**

30 June 2020

Claiming USMCA duty advantages – practical considerations.

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## Supreme Court Corner

30 June 2020

A quick look at three cases: *Thryv, Inc.*; *Lucky Brands*; and *Romag Fasteners*.

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## New Section 301 investigations into digital services taxes involving multiple countries

29 June 2020

The US Trade Representative will investigate whether these DSTs discriminate against or place an unreasonable burden upon or restrict US commerce.

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## First emerging technologies identified and controlled for export in the EAR

26 June 2020

The designation also makes these a "critical technology," giving CFIUS jurisdiction over foreign investments in US businesses that engage with these items.

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## SEC provides additional guidance regarding COVID-19 disclosures

26 June 2020

Additional guidance for public companies when evaluating their disclosures with respect to business and market disruptions resulting from COVID-19.

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## Therapies for COVID-19: Two major developments

25 June 2020

The developments, one negative and one positive, involve widely available medications.

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## SEC settles *Lucia* enforcement action

22 June 2020

Questions remain following Supreme Court decision concerning the Appointments Clause of the Constitution and who constitutes an "Officer of the United States" for the purposes of complying with that constitutional provision.

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## What does the revised DOJ Compliance Program Guidance mean for your business in a post-COVID world?

16 June 2020

Compliance programs are encouraged to consider risk-based methods to allocate budget and resources.

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## As COVID forces a telehealth boom, lawmakers weigh making certain emergency permissions permanent

12 June 2020

Some of the ways in which government actors have signaled openness to the possibility of longer-term telehealth solutions.

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### **Main Street Lending Program updates: Revised terms and new guidance**

11 June 2020

The Federal Reserve Board has published updated, expanded and clarified guidance on the Main Street Lending Program.

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### **Update on the Executive Order prohibiting import and installation of bulk power system equipment sourced from a foreign adversary: DOE FAQs**

8 June 2020

For those developing energy infrastructure projects in the US, addressing the uncertainties about the scope and expected implementation of the EO.

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

5 June 2020

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

Federal Reserve and other agencies update and expand lending programs created in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **Are pandemic-related contract changes compensable? Two recent, instructive cases**

4 June 2020

Key takeaways for contractors seeking to position themselves for recovery.

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### **COVID-19 spurs digital transformation and electronic use and acceptance**

3 June 2020

Steps to help to ensure enforceability and meet compliance obligations.

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### **President Trump's online platform Executive Order: Practical implications**

3 June 2020

It is too early to tell if the EO initiatives will move forward or if instead their pendency operates as a sword of Damocles for large social media platforms.

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### **New antidumping and countervailing duty petitions filed against lawnmowers from China and Vietnam: consequences for exporters and US importers**

29 May 2020

ITC staff work begins almost immediately on such petitions.

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## **Commerce Department targets Huawei with additional export control restrictions**

26 May 2020

The restrictions are another step in a series of US government measures to limit Huawei's access to US technology.

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## **CFIUS proposes export control-based reforms to its mandatory filing program**

22 May 2020

Details of the proposed modifications and their practical impact.

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## **DOJ increasing scrutiny on coronavirus-related provider fraud**

22 May 2020

Recent enforcement activity is focusing on providers, particularly on telemedicine companies.

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## **Now is the time for an economic stimulus in artificial intelligence — or the US could fall behind**

21 May 2020

An area of new stimulus that should not be overlooked.

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## **SBA Paycheck Protection Program: SBA issues long awaited forgiveness application, with additional guidance expected**

21 May 2020

The first specific indication about how PPP funds must be spent during the eight-week loan period in order for the PPP loan to be forgivable.

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## **COVID-19 and investment claims under NAFTA**

15 May 2020

An examination of whether measures taken by States in response to the pandemic could provide a basis for claims under the North American Free Trade Agreement and more.

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## **COVID-19 Phase 4 legislation: Information and progress update**

14 May 2020

A summary of the start of Congressional negotiations on additional COVID-19 related business relief provisions.

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## **Helping patients during the pandemic**

14 May 2020

Some important considerations for biopharma manufacturers.

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## **Coronavirus: the federal government is working quickly to fund the efforts of small business to recover from the global crisis: electronic signatures are permitted**

13 May 2020

Electronic signatures are permitted as part of the Paycheck Protection Program and Main Street Lending Program.

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## **DOL and IRS issue COVID-19 timeframe extensions for health, welfare and retirement plans**

13 May 2020

The extensions create administrative complexity for plan administrators.

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## **Structured real estate finance: The basics of tranching real estate debt**

12 May 2020

Understanding the interplay of multiple creditors exercising different rights under different financial structures.

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## **COVID-19: National security risks lead to expanded global foreign direct investment reviews**

11 May

Key developments in global FDI review regimes.

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## **Puerto Rico starts reopening businesses: Employers must establish exposure control plans**

11 May 2020

The authorization to reopen is conditioned on the adoption of strict measures by employers to avoid contagion.

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## **[UPDATED] Therapies for COVID-19: What is in the pipeline?**

11 May 2020

As of May 8, 2020, there are over 1,300 clinical trials investigating potential therapies for COVID-19, of which nearly 800 are interventional trials.

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## **US takes action to abate tariffs and duties in wake of COVID-19**

8 May 2020

US importers may consider navigating the various tariff exemptions and deferrals in several ways.

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## **BIS announces three new rules that place significant restrictions on exports to China**

7 May 2020

These rules will subject many products and technologies to new US export control licensing requirements.

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## **Latest round of CMS COVID-19 waivers includes telehealth expansion and other billing flexibilities**

7 May 2020

Congress is permitting dramatic expansion of telehealth coverage for the duration of the public health emergency. These are the latest developments.

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## **CARES Act and eligibility under the Paycheck Protection Program**

6 May 2020

The CARES Act does not expressly exclude debtors in bankruptcy from eligibility for PPP loans; however, it grants the SBA broad rulemaking authority.

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## **COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy**

6 May 2020

These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

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## **SEC's proposed new rule on valuation practices turns focus of funds and investment advisers to compliance programs**

6 May 2020

Although new from a regulatory standpoint, the requirements of the SEC's proposed Fair Value Rule are not entirely novel.

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## **CFIUS filing fees effective as of May 1, 2020: What you need to know**

5 May 2020

The filing fees go into effect and must be paid for transactions filed on or after May 1, 2020.

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## **Economic relief for hemp farmers in new round of funding in response to COVID-19**

5 May 2020

The new stimulus package is a more apparent green light for hemp businesses to obtain financial aid.

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## **Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve expands scope and eligibility for small and mid-size business loans**

5 May 2020

The revised Main Street Lending Program will allow larger companies and businesses with more pre-existing debt access to loans.

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## **New York state courts permit new filings in "non-essential" matters on May 4, 2020**

5 May 2020

Latest developments impacting the court systems in New York.

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### **The CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part III – Freddie Mac Forbearance Program**

5 May 2020

A brief summary of the forbearance program for multifamily borrowers as currently offered by Freddie Mac.

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### **What compliance programs can do now to prepare for operations in the new COVID-19 reality**

5 May 2020

Anticipating changes in the ABAC and compliance landscape to prepare for the lifting of social distancing mandates that have required non-essential businesses to close.

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### **Israel Group News May 2020**

4 May 2020

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Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

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### **Economic downturn: Key executive compensation issues for employers**

1 May 2020

Key issues US-based employers are encouraged to consider as they evaluate potential executive compensation strategies in light of COVID-19.

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### **Food and beverage COVID-19 regulatory updates**

1 May 2020

Ongoing commentary and guidance from US regulators.

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### **Illinois courts' response to the COVID-19 pandemic – Issue 2**

1 May 2020

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### **Pandemic Response Accountability Committee – Update**

1 May 2020

The PRAC, in conjunction with various agency inspectors general, has emerged at the forefront of nascent oversight efforts for relief funds.

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### **The NLRB's overhaul of its election procedures**

1 May 2020

The new rules address many of the criticisms of the Board's 2015 election rules.

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### **eNotes use surges – insights for lenders looking to close mortgage loans electronically**

30 April 2020

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely.

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

30 April 2020

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

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely, plus latest regulatory, legal and case law developments around eSignatures and ePayments.

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### **HHS clarifies PREP Act immunity for COVID-19-related activities**

28 April 2020

These immunity provisions may provide significant protection to manufacturers, distributors, and others engaged in COVID-19-related efforts.

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### **Loan modifications and forbearance during the COVID-19 crisis**

28 April 2020

Both states and the federal government have implemented changes to real estate policy.

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### **Preparing for the COVID-19 class action: Is there an unexpected consequence lurking in your arbitration agreement's poison pill provision?**

28 April 2020

Several decisions demonstrate that including a poison pill provision with a class action waiver that waives the right to seek public injunctive relief could render the entire arbitration agreement unenforceable.

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### **Top of Mind: COVID-19 technology sector insights**

28 April 2020

In this time of growing uncertainty, we recognize that many tech businesses are facing significant disruptions and unprecedented challenges arising from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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## **US telehealth update: New federal guidance to state Medicaid agencies suggests more coverage is coming**

27 April 2020

A powerful signal that CMS is ready to support targeted interventions in favor of telehealth.

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## **Attorney General Insights podcast with Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh**

24 April 2020

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL INSIGHTS PODCAST**

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh about the legal and organizational challenges that he and his fellow AGs are facing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

DLA Piper · Attorney General Insights: Brian Frosh

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## **COVID-19: Conducting internal investigations in remote work settings**

24 April 2020

For companies conducting internal investigations or responding to an investigation, practical solutions in a time of distancing.

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## **Connected care funding for healthcare providers from the CARES Act**

24 April 2020

New funding to promote and support telehealth.

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## **Coronavirus: Reopening businesses – compliance risks**

24 April 2020

Companies looking to reopen are urged to do so in compliance with varying, changing government restrictions to avoid longer term liabilities that could potentially outweigh short term gains

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## **EPA and CalEPA guidance on field activities during COVID-19 focuses on agency communication, deadlines and flexibility**

24 April 2020

EPA wishes individual regions to communicate directly with their regulated communities to ensure reasonable expectations for ongoing field work; meanwhile, CalEPA may fill gaps in EPA's enforcement.

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## **What COVID-19 could mean for the future of the Big Tech investigations**

24 April 2020

### **ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD**

Rather than hampering the investigations over the long term, the pandemic may open new lines of inquiry for antitrust investigators.

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## Congress approves more funding for small businesses

23 April 2020

This package includes billions of dollars in new funding.

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## Declaration and payment of dividends in a time of economic uncertainty

23 April 2020

Delaware case law provides guidance for boards facing challenging economic pressure regarding dividends.

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## FINRA updates frequently asked questions related to regulatory relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic

23 April 2020

Additional guidance from FINRA for broker-dealers.

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## Strengthening franchise systems post COVID-19: Strategic acquisitions

23 April 2020

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For franchise companies looking for strategic opportunities, a discussion of transaction structures.

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## COVID-19 Phase 4 federal legislation – UPDATE

21 April 2020

Time is of the essence and the plan is to have a draft Phase 4 COVID-19 relief bill ready by the end of April.

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## COVID-19: ¿Una base legítima para reclamos de inversión?

21 April 2020

Si las medidas tomadas por diferentes estados en respuesta a COVID-19 podrían representar una base legítima para potenciales reclamos en virtud de los tratados bilaterales de inversión.

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## Coronavirus: State Attorneys General take action against alleged price gouging in personal protection equipment sales

21 April 2020

State Attorneys General coast to coast are taking aggressive action.

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## US antitrust enforcers on high alert for collusion in labor markets during COVID-19 pandemic

21 April 2020

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Antitrust enforcers are closely monitoring employer coordination to disadvantage workers.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

20 April 2020

### **BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

Bank regulators, Treasury and Congress take emergency steps to contain damage to the economy and temporarily ease regulatory burdens on financial services industry.

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## **CARES Act: A lifeboat for Puerto Rico**

20 April 2020

The stage is set for Puerto Ricans to benefit directly from key provisions of the CARES Act.

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## **Cross-border liability management strategies for Latin American issuers with New York law-governed debt securities**

20 April 2020

The main types of so-called liability management transactions available to Latin American issuers seeking to reprofile or restructure their New York law-governed debt securities.

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## **IRS provides comprehensive extension of deadlines for taxpayers' tax filing and payment obligations**

20 April 2020

A brief summary of Notice 2020-23.

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## **Opening Up America Again Guidelines signal relaxation in elective surgery restrictions**

20 April 2020

For healthcare providers as they evaluate how the Opening Up America Again Guidelines pertain to their respective practices.

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## **Portfolio company risk analysis during COVID-19**

20 April 2020

An overview of certain material issues for PE firms and portfolio companies to consider when conducting financial risk analyses.

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## **The lender's playbook in the time of COVID-19 (US)**

20 April 2020

How should secured real estate lenders be approaching their loan portfolios?

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## **Clinical trials during the COVID-19 pandemic: A global guide**

17 April 2020

The unprecedented situation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the ability to conduct clinical trials on a global scale. Pharmaceutical companies need to address multiple challenges to ensure the continuity of trials on human medicines.

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## **Investment adviser compliance in the COVID-19 pandemic – pay attention to valuation and strategy deviation issues**

17 April 2020

Investment advisers still must comply with their obligations to maintain and implement fair pricing policies and procedures and follow their disclosed investment strategies.

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## **CMS regulatory waivers relax supervision and other requirements in an effort to address staff shortages caused by rising COVID-19 cases**

16 April 2020

These changes are effective immediately.

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## **COVID-19 – a legitimate basis for investment claims?**

16 April 2020

This article considers whether measures taken by States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could provide a legitimate basis for claims under bilateral investment treaties (BITs) or other investment protection instruments, and identifies some of the defences that may be available to States.

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## **DOJ expands home confinement options as coronavirus spreads in prisons**

16 April 2020

Thousands of inmates in numerous states have already been released from detention centers in an effort to minimize the risk of COVID-19 to those in custody, while also minimizing the risk to the public.

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## **FCC now accepting applications for CARES Act telehealth grants**

16 April 2020

To ensure as many applicants as possible receive funding, the FCC noted it does not anticipate awarding more than \$1 million to any single applicant.

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## **Immediate COVID-19 relief to Medicare providers arrives... with conditions**

16 April 2020

For eligible Medicare providers who continue to suffer economic losses stemming from the pandemic, this program is welcome, but it comes with detailed conditions.

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## **NLRB orders resumption of union representation elections**

16 April 2020

The Board's decision to resume representation elections raises significant legal and strategic concerns for both employers and unions.

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## **Puerto Rico's Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act is in force**

16 April 2020

The Act will also apply in case of future epidemics in which the Puerto Rican government declares a state of emergency.

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## **Adapting to a new consumer market**

15 April 2020

As consumer-facing businesses consider changes in their business models, avoiding legal pitfalls in some key areas is necessary for a successful transition.

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## **Anticipated increase in website and mobile application litigation as a result of COVID 19-pandemic: 12 practical steps toward compliance**

15 April 2020

Companies are urged to take notice of these lawsuits, because the number of these cases is increasing and some have been very costly.

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## **The impact of COVID-19 on dependent care flexible spending accounts**

15 April 2020

Are employees permitted to increase or decrease their deferrals, or begin or cease participation?

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## **US CPSC advises consumers certain recall remedies may be unavailable due to COVID-19 – four key takeaways**

15 April 2020

Guidance will evolve as the pandemic develops, and CPSC-regulated firms are encouraged to consider these actions.

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## **SEC and FINRA issue examination guidance on Regulation Best Interest and Form CRS**

14 April 2020

A summary of four recent publications from SEC and FINRA on Reg BI and Form CRS.

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## **COVID-19: New York State provides new guidance on essential businesses**

13 April 2020

The Guidelines raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for New York businesses.

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## **FDA COVID-19 updates for the food and beverage industry**

13 April 2020

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

FDA issues guidance to serve as a food safety resource during the COVID-19 pandemic, plus other late-breaking developments in the food and beverage sector.

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## **Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve unveils emergency lending facilities for small and mid-size businesses up to 10,000 employees**

13 April 2020

The Fed announces new steps it is taking to provide loans to assist employers of various sizes, as well as to strengthen the ability of state and local governments to deliver critical services during the pandemic.

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## **The CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part II – The Fannie Mae Forbearance Program**

13 April 2020

Relief available for multifamily borrowers under the CARES Act.

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## **COVID-19: A breeding ground for corruption – monitoring key risks**

10 April 2020

US regulators are reminding US businesses that a crisis situation does not excuse a failure to address increased risks of bribery and corruption.

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## **Coronavirus: Overview of healthcare funding stimulus and policy provisions in the CARES Act (United States)**

10 April 2020

Among numerous health policy provisions in the CARES Act is one allowing BARDA to partner with private sector companies on R&D.

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## **FINRA publishes COVID-19 information notice providing suggested measures to strengthen cybersecurity controls**

10 April 2020

FINRA provides numerous suggested measures for strengthening cybersecurity controls regarding increased risks associated with employees working remotely.

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## **Families First Coronavirus Response Act – Health emergency leave and exempted health care providers**

10 April 2020

The temporary health emergency leave measures include a key carveout for "Health Care Providers" and "Emergency Responders."

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## **US \$2T stimulus COVID-19 package includes significant R&D funding**

10 April 2020

A summary of R&D funding in the CARES Act broken out by federal departments and agencies.

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## **US: FINRA publishes frequently asked questions related to regulatory relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

10 April 2020

Through these FAQs, FINRA provides temporary relief from certain rules and requirements where compliance may be affected by the pandemic.

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## **Family First Coronavirus Response Act: US Department of Labor regulations provide additional guidance for employers**

9 April 2020

Key developments.

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## **Private equity buyer due diligence and representations and warranties insurance considerations**

9 April 2020

Considerations about expansions to standard due diligence and the evolving impact on R&W insurance.

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## **COVID-19: Issues affecting closed-end private investment funds**

8 April 2020

Issues that private investors in closed-end private investment funds may want to consider.

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## **COVID-19: Tort immunity for vaccines and antivirals – lessons from the swine flu of 1976**

8 April 2020

While the common goal is to quickly develop countermeasures to combat COVID-19, it is important to consider the potential legal and reputational risks.

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## **New executive order regarding foreign ownership in US telecom**

8 April 2020

The executive order creates a long-awaited framework for what has previously been an informal review of FCC license applications with few parameters.

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### **Profits interests: Jump-starting the value-recovery process**

8 April 2020

Equity incentives – and, for many privately owned companies, the often overlooked "profits interest" – can be a powerful tool for jump-starting the value-recovery process.

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### **Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts**

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

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### **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act payroll tax relief provisions – a quick look for nonprofits and microenterprises**

7 April 2020

The Employee Retention Tax Credit is intended to help the cash flow of employers whose business operations have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

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### **HHS issues notification of enforcement discretion under HIPAA for certain uses and disclosures by business associates**

7 April 2020

This announcement permits business associates to share personal health information with public health authorities and agencies in accordance with HIPAA exceptions as part of COVID-19 relief efforts.

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### **Trump Administration issues new regulations reducing stringency of automobile fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions standards for 2021-2026**

7 April 2020

The new standards are controversial and are subject to multiple court challenges.

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### **A balance between the government, the private sector and the needs of the people: Invocation of rarely used provisions to ensure public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic**

6 April 2020

The Defense Production Act, compulsory licensing and march-in rights are means for authorizing the government to step in and assert rights against private companies.

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## Are new Bay Area protocols and testing coming your way?

6 April 2020

The Bay Area has often led the way in developing and implementing government-mandated restrictions on business operations – details about current protocols.

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## COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

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## COVID-19 emergency declaration allows Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to issue 1135 waivers, 1915(c) waivers and changes to survey and audit processes

6 April 2020

Issued in a public health emergency, the waivers help ensure healthcare items and services are available for individuals enrolled in Social Security Act programs.

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## COVID-19: Key Questions Franchisors Are Asking

6 April 2020

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Succinct responses for franchise systems.

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## Coronavirus: Supplier due diligence for vetting Chinese medical suppliers for quality, safety, fair pricing and anti-corruption compliance

6 April 2020

Some key risks, and potential solutions to reduce cross-border operational risks.

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## Coronavirus: The Defense Production Act's authorities and limitations in the fight against COVID-19

6 April 2020

The DPA has significant implications for companies receiving a direct order from the President and for the subcontractors and suppliers behind them; meanwhile, recent legislation has created procurement opportunities under the DPA.

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## Federal Reserve resurrects TALF program in response to COVID-19

6 April 2020

It is widely expected that the terms and requirements of obtaining credit through TALF 2.0 will largely follow those from a predecessor facility made available during the financial crisis.

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### **Rent relief options for US commercial leases: approaches to making a deal for landlords and tenants**

6 April 2020

Options to explore for both landlords and tenants.

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### **SEC provides additional filing relief and disclosure guidance in light of COVID-19**

6 April 2020

In addition, the Division of Corporation Finance issued disclosure guidance regarding the impact of the pandemic.

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### **The CARES Act and USPTO patent practitioner deadlines**

6 April 2020

While the USPTO remains open for filing of documents and fees, Director Iancu announced that parties may be eligible for extensions of certain deadlines if their inability to meet a current deadline is due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **[UPDATED] As device industry veterans and newcomers step up to the line, FDA swiftly adjusts regulatory hurdles for personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic**

6 April 2020

A high level overview of the FDA's tiered, risk-based approach to masks, face shields and respirators based on developments to date.

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### **CARES Act may offer relief for medical practices, but raises questions for private equity-backed practice management companies**

3 April 2020

Medical practices and practice management companies are urged to consider options under the CARES Act.

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### **CARES Act waivers from CMS provide additional flexibility for telehealth services and relief from certain Stark Law liabilities (United States)**

3 April 2020

This latest relief further expands healthcare practitioners' ability to reach patients through telehealth, an important tool for addressing patient needs while reducing in-person contact.

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### **COVID-19's impact on portfolio company financing**

3 April 2020

An overview of financing considerations for portfolio companies of PE firms to address market challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis.

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## **COVID-19: Financial relief programs for hemp and hemp-related businesses**

3 April 2020

What the relief bill may mean for the cannabis industry.

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## **Funding opportunities and changed requirements for education institutions in the CARES act**

3 April 2020

A number of provisions in the CARES Act are designed to relax requirements for education institutions, students and faculty.

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## **Hospitality industry update: President signs into law massive COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus package**

3 April 2020

Phase 3 in the ongoing federal government efforts to respond to the health and economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## **Public legislative processes and public meetings during the time of COVID-19**

3 April 2020

While modifications to open meetings laws may allow many public meetings to take place remotely, municipalities and petitioners must also take steps to ensure the legal sufficiency of public participation in remote public hearings.

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## **SEC extends relief and provides guidance for investment advisers affected by COVID-19**

3 April 2020

Registered investment advisers (and exempt reporting advisers, as applicable) are still required to comply with their filing and delivery obligations.

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## **SEC will not change June 30, 2020 Regulation Best Interest compliance date; FINRA proposes conforming rule changes (update from 31 March 2020)**

3 April 2020

The SEC is reportedly considering a delay in the compliance date for Regulation Best Interest due to COVID-19.

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## **Transportation provisions of the CARES Act, the federal COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus law**

3 April 2020

The Act targets substantial assistance to certain transportation businesses and their employees.

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## **Beyond social distancing: What employers need to know to keep their workplaces safe and manage privacy obligations in the face of COVID-19**

2 April 2020

Guidance from OSHA, EEO and CDC to help employers seeking to protect the health, safety and privacy of their on-site employees.

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## **Illinois courts' response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

2 April 2020

The Illinois courts respond to the pandemic.

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## **The barbarians are coming ... time for public companies to reinforce the gate**

2 April 2020

While it is far too early to understand or evaluate the true impact that the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the M&A market, for so long as market prices remain depressed, public companies are encouraged to remain cognizant of the potential threat of coercive takeover attempts.

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

March/April 2020

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

COVID-19 special edition

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## **Annual shareholder letter considerations and guidance**

1 April 2020

This alert provides an update on practice as of the date of publication as well as general guidance and insights to assist boards of directors and senior management of US public companies as they evaluate their communication strategies.

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## **CARES Act relief for private equity portfolio companies**

1 April 2020

While some small business relief under the CARES Act may be of limited utility to PE portfolio companies, other features of the Act are more broadly applicable to PE sponsors and their portfolio companies.

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## **CARES Act retirement and health plan relief: Practical implications for employers**

1 April 2020

Provisions affecting retirement plans and health and welfare plans in the CARES Act.

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## **Coronavirus: What happens to my lawsuit now?**

1 April 2020

Some of these shifts in legal practice may lead to long-term efficiencies that benefit clients and improve access.

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## **DOJ increases scrutiny of nursing home industry**

1 April 2020

DOJ is doubling down on its commitment to investigate and prosecute allegations of elder abuse and of substandard quality of care.

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## **Amid COVID-19, US EPA loosens its enforcement policies on the regulated community**

31 March 2020

EPA will exercise enforcement discretion in policing businesses and other regulated entities for noncompliance with certain environmental regulations.

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## **COVID-19 essential businesses: Anti-bribery and anti-corruption risks**

31 March 2020

Given the significant impact of being deemed non-essential, businesses and employees are incentivized to ensure their business is deemed essential by local authorities – and this can pose anti-bribery anti-corruption (ABAC) risks to companies.

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## **Coronavirus: Cybersecurity considerations for your newly remote workforce (United States)**

31 March 2020

Cyber risk management involves balancing the productivity of a workforce with ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of the company's own systems and data, as well as that of their supply chain.

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## **Coronavirus: Overview of tax provisions in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act**

31 March 2020

An outline of business tax provisions in the CARES Act.

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## **Coronavirus: Warning from SEC on insider trading highlights importance of disclosure controls during the COVID-19 pandemic**

31 March 2020

A statement on March 23 warned that the SEC would be on heightened alert for signs of insider trading and other misconduct that might harm investors.

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## **Importing critical healthcare supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic: Recent US developments**

31 March 2020

Practical guidance is critical to help importers of medical products efficiently navigate legal and regulatory hurdles so that admissible products with the potential to safeguard patients' health and well-being may be granted entry into US markets as expeditiously as possible.

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## **Practical advice for US commercial landlords relating to COVID-19**

31 March 2020

General areas for landlords and building owners to consider in connection with the impact of COVID-19 on their buildings, leases and other agreements.

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## **The US CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part I**

31 March 2020

A look at the provisions of the CARES Act that offer relief to multifamily borrowers.

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## **Coronavirus: State Attorneys General and the New COVID-19 Stimulus**

30 March 2020

With the president's signature on March 27, 2020, the government passed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the largest economic stimulus package in American history. Passed in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the CARES Act will have an enduring impact on the country for years to come, particularly so for the industries and businesses eligible for stimulus relief funds. The massive scale of the CARES Act immediately calls to mind questions about how the government will respond in its attempt to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in carrying out the stimulus.

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## **Is coronavirus a force majeure event?**

30 March 2020

These straightforward FAQ explain what force majeure provisions are, how they work, and whether coronavirus is a force majeure event.

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## **Supreme Court Corner**

30 March 2020

Notable cases involve trademark protectability and federal preclusion principles.

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## **Coronavirus: DHS Response to COVID-19 - What US Employers Need to Know**

29 March 2020

Key questions and answers related to the new DHS guidance.

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### **Coronavirus: US State AGs ramp up efforts to combat price gouging**

29 March 2020

#### **ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD**

State Attorneys General throughout the country are vigorously enforcing state unfair trade practice and price gouging statutes against those alleged to be taking advantage of consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **COVID-19: Getting your cross-border deal done and documents notarized and legalized in the age of coronavirus (United States)**

27 March 2020

A summary of recent changes to the notarization, apostille and legalization by embassy processes in the United States.

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### **Coronavirus: Employer's guide to the California Stay at Home Order and the Bay Area Shelter in Place Orders**

27 March 2020

Many Northern California employers are seeking to reconcile their obligations under these orders. This Alert will address some of the uncertainties associated with dual compliance for Northern California employers.

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### **Coronavirus: strategic considerations for US investment advisers considering whether to apply for temporary relief from filing obligations due to COVID-19**

27 March 2020

While this relief may be welcome for many, before applying for relief, investment advisers should consider whether the extension is advisable in light of the conditions placed on advisers seeking to rely on the relief and the implications of seeking an extension.

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### **Teledentistry update: Navigating teledentistry during the COVID-19 pandemic (United States)**

27 March 2020

As part of its efforts to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 18, 2020, the American Dental Association provided essential guidance on emergency vs. nonemergency dental care and the use of teledentistry.

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### **US Antitrust enforcers issue joint statement on competitor collaboration amid COVID-19 pandemic**

27 March 2020

#### **ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD**

The US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission issued a Joint Antitrust Statement Regarding COVID-19, in which they announced an expedited procedure for evaluating proposed collaborations among competitors and other businesses working to address the pandemic.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

26 March 2020

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

The Federal Reserve takes extraordinary steps to address the economic risks arising from COVID-19, among them unprecedented emergency measures to support the economy and expanding credit flow to municipal debt markets. This issue also reports on urgent actions being taken by an array of other federal and state financial services regulators.

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## Coronavirus: Congressional leaders and the Trump Administration reach agreement on massive COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus package

26 March 2020

Senate Republican and Democratic leaders and the Trump Administration announced on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 that they have reached a deal on The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

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## ESG: The rise of private ordering and the role of the NCGC committee (United States)

26 March 2020

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

This inaugural ESG handbook, part of our 2020 Proxy Season Hot Topics series, aims to help public companies as they develop and maintain a robust ESG program.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 March 2020

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

The age of viral outbreaks – key contract considerations in a post-COVID-19 world, plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments around blockchain and digital transformation.

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## COVID-19 prompts CMS to give new flexibility to participants in Medicare Quality Programs

25 March 2020

In light of COVID-19, participants in the Medicare Quality Payment Program will have extra time to report some quality metrics and can temporarily suspend other tracking and reporting activities altogether.

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## Coronavirus: Cyber hygiene practices

25 March 2020

While the world is responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and individuals are increasingly focused on personal hygiene and social distancing, augmenting cyber hygiene efforts at home and at work are increasing in importance too.

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## Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)



25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

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## **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1**

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

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## **DLA Piper obtains approval of first coronavirus-impacted bankruptcy sale**

25 March 2020

DLA Piper's Restructuring practice is at the forefront of the intersection of COVID-19 and bankruptcy.

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## **Hotels and hospitals may find new partnerships to solve for bed capacity issues and vacancies**

25 March 2020

The impacts of COVID-19 upon the hospitality sector as well as hospital systems and the healthcare industry have been sudden and dramatic.

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## **US Department of Transportation proposes significant regulatory changes to facilitate deployment of self-driving vehicles**

25 March 2020

The proposed changes to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards aim to eliminate key regulatory barriers to deployment of autonomous vehicles while maintaining the same level of vehicle occupant protection provided by existing standards.

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## **CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule: Planning during COVID-19 (United States)**

24 March 2020

As healthcare providers continue to face a variety of challenges during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, healthcare providers and suppliers should be aware of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Emergency Preparedness Rule and its resources.

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## **COVID-19 update for private fund managers (United States)**

24 March 2020

On March 13, 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order providing investment advisers, whose operations may be impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), temporary relief from certain filing requirements under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

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## **SBA to provide disaster assistance loans for small businesses impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) (United States)**

24 March 2020

The Small Business Administration has authorized Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million in assistance to help small businesses and other organizations that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) since January 31, 2020.

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### **Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue “shelter in place” orders (United States)**

23 March 2020

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen “Stay-at-Home” / “Shelter-at-Home”-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

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### **Energy commodity marketing and trading companies in times of crisis: Risks of heightened scrutiny from the CFTC and FERC**

23 March 2020

Energy commodity marketing and trading companies should take a number of steps to mitigate the risks of regulatory infractions during times of crisis.

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### **[UPDATED] New stay at home orders in California and Los Angeles: key highlights**

23 March 2020

The orders all exempt various businesses from compliance, but the orders have different scopes.

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### **90-day deferral for US federal income tax payments**

20 March 2020

Those who decide to defer their federal tax payments will be able to do so on a penalty-free and interest-free basis, with penalties and interest beginning to accrue for payments submitted after July 15, 2020.

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### **COVID-19 and food – FDA position (United States)**

19 March 2020

For help considering potential impacts of FDA touchpoints.

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### **Coronavirus: business resilience and continuity planning**

19 March 2020

Prudent companies understand that their response to the COVID-19 pandemic should be consistent with their business resilience plans.

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### **Coronavirus: executive summary - key highlights from Washington (March 19, 2020) (United States)**

19 March 2020

Key highlights for March 19, 2020.

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**COVID-19: As diagnostic companies and laboratories ask “how can I help?” FDA responds with unprecedented regulatory flexibility, seeking to achieve more rapid testing capacity in the US**

18 March 2020

Options expand for life science, healthcare and other stakeholders.

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**Coronavirus: emergency response legislation passed by the Senate; additional stimulus and tax relief expected soon (United States)**

18 March 2020

The US Senate is expected to pass, on March 18, comprehensive legislation to help families and businesses impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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**Telehealth update: COVID-19 prompts emergency Medicare coverage and other seismic shifts (United States)**

18 March 2020

Multiple federal agencies have issued regulatory waivers and released additional funding to loosen the constraints on telehealth services and encourage widespread adoption.

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**US HHS issues waiver of certain HIPAA sanctions and penalties amidst COVID-19**

18 March 2020

The HHS Secretary uses emergency authority under the Social Security Act to waive sanctions and penalties for certain provisions of HIPAA for certain covered hospitals.

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**US employee benefits and the coronavirus**

17 March 2020

Some of the many benefit plan issues that employers are facing.

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**Coronavirus: federal and state tax relief (United States)**

16 March 2020

Congress and state legislatures and administrative agencies are working hard to provide necessary tax relief for those affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

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**FTC comments and workshop reinforce increased focus on vertical mergers**

13 March 2020

Vertical mergers are in the crosshairs.

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**DLA Piper to provide tax relief input to Congress from businesses impacted by coronavirus**

9 March 2020

Of particular concern is the travel and tourism sector, but the Committee staff is open to considering the impact on other economic sectors.

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### **Court of International Trade blocks expanded Section 232 tariffs on certain US imports, prompting others to take legal action**

4 March 2020

The first injunction in an appeal filed by a US importer challenges the expansion of the tariffs on constitutional and procedural grounds.

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### **Looking at FERC record retention regulations for US commodities marketing and trading firms**

4 March 2020

Exploring a hypothetical situation in which a natural gas marketing and trading company receives a FERC audit commencement letter.

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### ***US v. Hoskins*: in setback for DOJ, court grants post-trial motion for acquittal on all FCPA counts**

27 February 2020

The decision calls into question DOJ's aggressive approach to a narrow but significant class of potential defendants in FCPA cases.

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

21 February 2020

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

Members of Congress protest proposed changes in federal school meal program; plant-based company sues California regulators on free speech grounds.

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### **CFIUS's new role in real estate transactions**

20 February 2020

An outline of CFIUS's new authority to review foreign investment in US real estate and its impact on real estate investors who have not previously dealt with CFIUS risk.

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### **Huawei Temporary General License extended for third time**

14 February 2020

The extension applies to Huawei and the 114 other non-US Huawei affiliates on the Entity List.

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### **White House proposes doubling artificial intelligence budget**

13 February 2020

#### **AI OUTLOOK**

Lawmakers now have the opportunity to debate and amend the budget proposal in the upcoming appropriations process.

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## Israel Group News February 2020

10 February 2020

### ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

7 February 2020

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS

Virginia moves to define "milk," court overturns Kansas ag-gag law, plus vanilla, glyphosate, and Hep A back in the news.

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## Long-awaited changes to export controls for firearms and ammunition have arrived

6 February 2020

This new regulatory scheme will create a transition burden on industry, but it will result in more flexible regulatory obligations overall.

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## Foreign ITAR cloud storage now permitted

4 February 2020

This may provide ITAR-registered companies some flexibility with the virtual storage and transmission of their technical data, but using non-US based cloud storage is still not without risk.

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## The President announces expansion of Section 232 tariffs expected to affect millions of dollars in US imports

30 January 2020

The Proclamation authorizes the Department of Commerce to establish a process for requesting exclusions for affected parties located inside the US.

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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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## **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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