

It Matters Who's in Charge at the DOJ

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We are now entering the post-election period — indeed, the beginning of the second half of a second term of an administration. Attorneys who engage in government-facing work, compliance or regulatory matters know well that this is when we see a large wave of departures from the leadership ranks in the various alphabet soup of agencies in Washington, D.C.

Agency leaders who have helped shape policy for many years are departing, with eyes turning toward national elections and potential administration change. How will these changes at the enforcement and regulatory level shape priorities and white-collar prosecutions around the country now and for the next two years? This article discusses the leadership changes and the specific effects on priorities and enforcement for companies, individuals and counsel in the compliance and regulatory space.

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